

PATENT APPLICATION

SUBSTITUTED PIPERAZINES

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CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 [0001] This is a continuation in part of U.S. Ser. No. 10/460,752, filed June 11, 2003, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/453,711, filed June 12, 2002, (originally USSN 10/171,398, filed June 12, 2002) the contents of each being incorporated herein by reference.

STATEMENT AS TO RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

10 [0002] NOT APPLICABLE

REFERENCE TO A "SEQUENCE LISTING," A TABLE, OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING APPENDIX SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISK.

15 [0003] NOT APPLICABLE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The present invention provides compounds, pharmaceutical compositions containing one or more of those compounds or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, which
20 are effective in inhibiting the binding of various chemokines, such as MIP-1 α , leukotactin, MPIF-1 and RANTES, to the CCR1 receptor. As antagonists or modulators for the CCR1 receptor, the compounds and compositions have utility in treating inflammatory and immune disorder conditions and diseases.

[0005] Human health depends on the body's ability to detect and destroy foreign pathogens
25 that might otherwise take valuable resources from the individual and/or induce illness. The immune system, which comprises leukocytes (white blood cells (WBCs): T and B lymphocytes, monocytes, macrophages granulocytes, NK cell, mast cells, dendritic cell, and immune derived cells (for example, osteoclasts)), lymphoid tissues and lymphoid vessels, is the body's defense system. To combat infection, white blood cells circulate throughout the
30 body to detect pathogens. Once a pathogen is detected, innate immune cells and cytotoxic T

cells in particular are recruited to the infection site to destroy the pathogen. Chemokines act as molecular beacons for the recruitment and activation of immune cells, such as lymphocytes, monocytes and granulocytes, identifying sites where pathogens exist.

[0006] Despite the immune system's regulation of pathogens, certain inappropriate

5 chemokine signaling can develop and has been attributed to triggering or sustaining inflammatory disorders, such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and others. For example, in rheumatoid arthritis, unregulated chemokine accumulation in bone joints attracts and activates infiltrating macrophages and T-cells. The activities of these cells induce synovial cell proliferation that leads, at least in part, to inflammation and eventual bone and
10 cartilage loss (see, DeVries, M.E., et al., *Semin Immunol* **11**(2):95-104 (1999)). A hallmark of some demyelinating diseases such as multiple sclerosis is the chemokine-mediated monocyte/macrophage and T cell recruitment to the central nervous system (see, Kennedy, et al., *J. Clin. Immunol.* **19**(5):273-279 (1999)). Chemokine recruitment of destructive WBCs to transplants has been implicated in their subsequent rejection. See, DeVries, M.E., et al.,
15 *ibid.* Because chemokines play pivotal roles in inflammation and lymphocyte development, the ability to specifically manipulate their activity has enormous impact on ameliorating and halting diseases that currently have no satisfactory treatment. In addition, transplant rejection may be minimized without the generalized and complicating effects of costly immunosuppressive pharmaceuticals.

20 [0007] Chemokines, a group of greater than 40 small peptides (7-10 kD), ligate receptors expressed primarily on WBCs or immune derived cells, and signal through G-protein-coupled signaling cascades to mediate their chemoattractant and chemostimulant functions.

Receptors may bind more than one ligand; for example, the receptor CCR1 ligates RANTES (regulated on activation normal T cell expressed), MIP-1 α (macrophage inflammatory
25 protein), MIP-1/CK β 8, and Leukotactin chemokines (among others with lesser affinities).

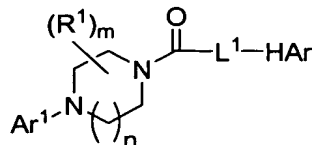
To date, 24 chemokine receptors are known. The sheer number of chemokines, multiple ligand binding receptors, and different receptor profiles on immune cells allow for tightly controlled and specific immune responses. See, Rossi, et al., *Ann. Rev. Immunol.* **18**(1):217-
242 (2000). Chemokine activity can be controlled through the modulation of their

30 corresponding receptors, treating related inflammatory and immunological diseases and enabling organ and tissue transplants.

[0008] The receptor CCR1 and its chemokine ligands, including, for example MIP-1 α , MPIF-1/CK β 8, leukotactin and RANTES, represent significant therapeutic targets (see Saeki, et al., *Current Pharmaceutical Design* **9**:1201-1208 (2003)) since they have been implicated in rheumatoid arthritis, transplant rejection (see, DeVries, M.E., et al., *ibid.*), and multiple sclerosis (see, Fischer, et al., *J Neuroimmunol.* **110(1-2)**:195-208 (2000); Izikson, et al., *J. Exp. Med.* **192(7)**:1075-1080 (2000); and Rottman, et al., *Eur. J. Immunol.* **30(8)**:2372-2377 (2000)). In fact, function-blocking antibodies, modified chemokine receptor ligands and small organic compounds have been discovered, some of which have been successfully demonstrated to prevent or treat some chemokine-mediated diseases (reviewed in Rossi, et al., *ibid.*). Notably, in an experimental model of rheumatoid arthritis, disease development is diminished when a signaling-blocking, modified-RANTES ligand is administered (see Plater-Zyberk, et al., *Immunol Lett.* **57(1-3)**:117-120 (1997)). While function-blocking antibody and small peptide therapies are promising, they suffer from the perils of degradation, extremely short half-lives once administered, and prohibitive expense to develop and manufacture, characteristic of most proteins. Small organic compounds are preferable since they often have longer half lives *in vivo*, require fewer doses to be effective, can often be administered orally, and are consequently less expensive. Some organic antagonists of CCR1 have been previously described (see, Hesselgesser, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* **273(25)**:15687-15692 (1998); Ng, et al., *J. Med. Chem.* **42(22)**:4680-4694 (1999); Liang, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* **275(25)**:19000-19008 (2000); and Liang, et al., *Eur. J. Pharmacol.* **389(1)**:41-49 (2000)). In view of the effectiveness demonstrated for treatment of disease in animal models (see, Liang, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* **275(25)**:19000-19008 (2000)), the search has continued to identify additional compounds that can be used in the treatment of diseases mediated by CCR1 signaling.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] The present invention provides compounds having the formula:



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof. In the formula above, the subscript n represents an integer of from 1 to 2, preferably 1. The subscript m represents an integer of

from 0 to 10, limited by the number of available substituents positions on the piperazine or homopiperazine ring to which it is attached. For example, piperazine derivatives (n is 1) can have from 0 to 8 R¹ groups, preferably 0 to 4 R¹ groups, and more preferably 0, 1 or 2 R¹ groups. Each R¹ is a substituent independently selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a, -CONR^aR^b, -NR^aCOR^b, -SO₂R^a, -X¹COR^a, -X¹CO₂R^a, -X¹CONR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aCOR^b, -X¹SO₂R^a, -X¹SO₂NR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aR^b, -X¹OR^a, wherein X¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^a and R^b is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl and aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, and wherein the aliphatic portions of each of the R¹ substituents is optionally substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^m, -OC(O)NHR^m, -OC(O)N(R^m)₂, -SH, -SR^m, -S(O)R^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^m, -S(O)₂N(R^m)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^m, -NR^mS(O)₂R^m, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^m, -C(O)N(R^m)₂, -C(O)R^m, -NHC(O)R^m, -NR^mC(O)R^m, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NHR^m, -NHC(O)NHR^m, -NR^mC(O)N(R^m)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^m)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^m, -NHCO₂R^m, -NR^mCO₂R^m, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^m, -N(R^m)₂, -NR^mS(O)NH₂ and -NR^mS(O)₂NHR^m, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl.

[0010] The symbol Ar¹ represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group.

Preferred aryl groups are phenyl and naphthyl. Preferred heteroaryl groups are those having from 5 to 10 ring vertices, at least one of which is a nitrogen atom (e.g., pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, purinyl and the like). Each of the Ar¹ rings is optionally substituted with from one to five R² substituents independently selected from halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -OC(O)NR^cR^d, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -NR^dC(O)₂R^e, -NR^c-C(O)NR^cR^d, -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR^cC(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR^e, -NH-C(NHR^e)=NH, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -S(O)₂NR^cR^d, -N₃, -X²OR^c, -O-X²OR^c, -X²OC(O)R^c, -X²NR^cR^d, -O-X²NR^cR^d, -X²SR^c, -X²CN, -X²NO₂, -X²CO₂R^c, -O-X²CO₂R^c, -X²CONR^cR^d, -O-X²CONR^cR^d, -X²C(O)R^c, -X²OC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²NR^dC(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -X²NR^cC(NH₂)=NH, -X²NH-C(NH₂)=NR^e, -X²NH-C(NHR^e)=NH, -X²S(O)R^e, -X²S(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -X²S(O)₂NR^cR^d, -X²N₃, -NR^d-X²OR^c, -NR^d-X²NR^cR^d, -NR^d-X²CO₂R^c, and -NR^d-X²CONR^cR^d, wherein X² is a member selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or optionally

R^c and R^d when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members; and each R^c is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, and each of R^c , R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -ORⁿ, -OC(O)NHRⁿ, -OC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -SH, -SRⁿ, -S(O)Rⁿ, -S(O)₂Rⁿ, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHRⁿ, -S(O)₂N(Rⁿ)₂, -NHS(O)₂Rⁿ, -NRⁿS(O)₂Rⁿ, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHRⁿ, -C(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -C(O)Rⁿ, -NHC(O)Rⁿ, -NRⁿC(O)Rⁿ, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NRⁿC(O)NH₂, -NRⁿC(O)NHRⁿ, -NHC(O)NHRⁿ, -NRⁿC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -NHC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂Rⁿ, -NHCO₂Rⁿ, -NRⁿCO₂Rⁿ, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHRⁿ, -N(Rⁿ)₂, -NRⁿS(O)NH₂ and -NRⁿS(O)₂NHRⁿ, wherein each Rⁿ is independently an unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl.

[0011] The symbol HAr represents an optionally substituted heteroaryl group. The heteroaryl groups for HAr can be the same or different from any of the heteroaryl groups used for Ar¹. Generally, the HAr groups are monocyclic, but can also be fused bicyclic systems having from 5 to 10 ring atoms, at least one of which is a nitrogen atom. Certain preferred heteroaryl groups are 5 or 6-membered rings having at least one nitrogen atom as a ring vertex and fused ring systems having a 5-membered ring fused to a benzene ring, for example pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, oxathiadiazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzopyrazolyl and benzotriazolyl, each of which is substituted with from one to five R³ substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR^f, -OC(O)R^f, -NR^fR^g, -SR^f, -R^h, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -OC(O)NR^fR^g, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -S(O)R^h, -S(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -NR^fS(O)₂NR^fR^g, -N₃, -X³OR^f, -X³OC(O)R^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³SR^f, -X³CN, -X³NO₂, -X³CO₂R^f, -X³CONR^fR^g, -X³C(O)R^f, -X³OC(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NR^gC(O)R^f, -X³NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -X³NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -X³NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -X³S(O)R^h, -X³S(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -Y, -X³Y, -X³N₃, -O-X³OR^f, -O-X³NR^fR^g, -O-X³CO₂R^f, -O-X³CONR^fR^g, -NR^g-X³OR^f, -NR^g-X³NR^fR^g, -NR^g-X³CO₂R^f, and -NR^g-X³CONR^fR^g, wherein Y is a five or six-membered aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring, optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR^f, -NR^fR^g, -R^h, -SR^f, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -

$\text{NR}^g\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^h$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{NR}^f\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{OR}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$ and $-\text{X}^3\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, and wherein each X^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene and C_{2-4} alkynylene and each R^f and R^g is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, or when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions of R^f , R^g and R^h is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^o$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SR}^o$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^o$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NHCO}_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{CO}_2\text{R}^o$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHR}^o$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^o)_2$, $-\text{NR}^o\text{S}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$ and $-\text{NR}^o\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^o$, wherein each R^o is independently an unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl. Among the most preferred HAr groups are substituted or unsubstituted pyrazoles and substituted or unsubstituted triazoles. Preferably, substituted or unsubstituted pyrazoles are attached to the remainder of the molecule via a nitrogen atom of the pyrazole ring.

[0012] The symbol L^1 represents a linking group having from one to three main chain atoms selected from the group consisting of C, N, O and S and being optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, phenyl, $-\text{OR}^i$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$, $-\text{NR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{SR}^i$, $-\text{R}^k$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^i$, $-\text{CONR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{NR}^j\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$, $-\text{NR}^j\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^k$, $-\text{X}^4\text{OR}^i$, $-\text{X}^4\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$, $-\text{X}^4\text{NR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{X}^4\text{SR}^i$, $-\text{X}^4\text{CN}$, $-\text{X}^4\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{X}^4\text{CO}_2\text{R}^i$, $-\text{X}^4\text{CONR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{X}^4\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$, $-\text{X}^4\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^i\text{R}^j$, $-\text{X}^4\text{NR}^j\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^i$ and $-\text{X}^4\text{NR}^j\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^k$, wherein X^4 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene and C_{2-4} alkynylene and each R^i and R^j is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, and each R^k is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl. In certain preferred embodiments, the linking groups are unsubstituted, while in other preferred embodiments, substituents are present that can

increase partitioning into selected solvents or into selected tissues. For example, addition of a hydroxy group to a propylene linkage will generally provide compounds having more favorable solubility in water. Preferably, L¹ is selected from -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂O-, -CH₂NH-, -CH₂OCH₂- and -CH₂NHCH₂-.

5 [0013] In addition to the compounds provided herein, the present invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions containing one or more of these compounds, as well as methods for the use of these compounds in therapeutic methods, primarily to treat diseases associated with CCR1 signalling activity.

10 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] Figures 1A and 1B provides selected and preferred Ar¹ groups for compounds of formulae I, II and III.

[0015] Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F and 3 provide selected and preferred HAr groups for compounds of formulae I, II, III and IV.

15 [0016] Figures 4A-4C provide structures of selected commercially available starting materials.

[0017] Figures 5A-5N provide structures of selected and preferred compounds of formula I.

20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

I. Abbreviation and Definitions

[0018] The term "alkyl", by itself or as part of another substituent, means, unless otherwise stated, a straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical, having the number of carbon atoms designated (*i.e.* C₁₋₈ means one to eight carbons). Examples of alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl, and the like. The term "alkenyl" refers to an unsaturated alkyl group having one or more double bonds. Similarly, the term "alkynyl" refers to an unsaturated alkyl group having one or more triple bonds. Examples of such unsaturated alkyl groups include vinyl, 2-propenyl, crotyl, 2-isopentenyl, 2-(butadienyl), 2,4-pentadienyl, 3-(1,4-pentadienyl), ethynyl, 1- and 3-propynyl, 3-butylnyl, and the higher homologs and isomers. The term "cycloalkyl" refers to hydrocarbon rings having the indicated number of ring atoms (e.g., C₃₋₆cycloalkyl)

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and being fully saturated or having no more than one double bond between ring vertices. "Cycloalkyl" is also meant to refer to bicyclic and polycyclic hydrocarbon rings such as, for example, bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane, bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, etc.

[0019] The term "alkylene" by itself or as part of another substituent means a divalent radical derived from an alkane, as exemplified by $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$. Typically, an alkyl (or alkylene) group will have from 1 to 24 carbon atoms, with those groups having 10 or fewer carbon atoms being preferred in the present invention. A "lower alkyl" or "lower alkylene" is a shorter chain alkyl or alkylene group, generally having four or fewer carbon atoms.

[0020] The terms "alkoxy," "alkylamino" and "alkylthio" (or thioalkoxy) are used in their conventional sense, and refer to those alkyl groups attached to the remainder of the molecule via an oxygen atom, an amino group, or a sulfur atom, respectively. Additionally, for dialkylamino groups, the alkyl portions can be the same or different and can also be combined to form a 3-7 membered ring with the nitrogen atom to which each is attached. Accordingly, a group represented as $-\text{NR}^a\text{R}^b$ is meant to include piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, azetidiny and the like.

[0021] The terms "halo" or "halogen," by themselves or as part of another substituent, mean, unless otherwise stated, a fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine atom. Additionally, terms such as "haloalkyl," are meant to include monohaloalkyl and polyhaloalkyl. For example, the term " C_{1-4} haloalkyl" is meant to include trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 4-chlorobutyl, 3-bromopropyl, and the like.

[0022] The term "aryl" means, unless otherwise stated, a polyunsaturated, typically aromatic, hydrocarbon group which can be a single ring or multiple rings (up to three rings) which are fused together or linked covalently. The term "heteroaryl" refers to aryl groups (or rings) that contain from one to five heteroatoms selected from N, O, and S, wherein the nitrogen and sulfur atoms are optionally oxidized, and the nitrogen atom(s) are optionally quaternized. A heteroaryl group can be attached to the remainder of the molecule through a heteroatom. Non-limiting examples of aryl groups include phenyl, naphthyl and biphenyl, while non-limiting examples of heteroaryl groups include 1-pyrrolyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl, 1-pyrazolyl, 3-pyrazolyl, 2-imidazolyl, 4-imidazolyl, pyrazinyl, 2-oxazolyl, 4-oxazolyl, 5-oxazolyl, 3-isoxazolyl, 4-isoxazolyl, 5-isoxazolyl, 2-thiazolyl, 4-thiazolyl, 5-thiazolyl, 2-furyl, 3-furyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, 2-pyrimidyl, 4-pyrimidyl, 5-benzothiazolyl, purinyl, 2-benzimidazolyl, benzopyrazolyl, 5-indolyl, 1-isoquinolyl, 5-

isoquinolyl, 2-quinoxaliny, 5-quinoxaliny, 3-quinolyl, and 6-quinolyl. Substituents for each of the above noted aryl and heteroaryl ring systems are selected from the group of acceptable substituents described below.

[0023] For brevity, the term "aryl" when used in combination with other terms (*e.g.*, aryloxy, arylthioxy, arylalkyl) includes both aryl and heteroaryl rings as defined above. Thus, the term "arylalkyl" is meant to include those radicals in which an aryl group is attached to an alkyl group (*e.g.*, benzyl, phenethyl, pyridylmethyl and the like).

[0024] The above terms (*e.g.*, "alkyl," "aryl" and "heteroaryl"), in some embodiments, will include both substituted and unsubstituted forms of the indicated radical. Preferred substituents for each type of radical are provided below. For brevity, the terms aryl and heteroaryl will refer to substituted or unsubstituted versions as provided below, while the term "alkyl" and related aliphatic radicals is meant to refer to unsubstituted version, unless indicated to be substituted.

[0025] Substituents for the alkyl radicals (including those groups often referred to as alkylene, alkenyl, alkynyl and cycloalkyl) can be a variety of groups selected from: -halogen, -OR', -NR'R'', -SR', -SiR'R''R''', -OC(O)R', -C(O)R', -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R'', -NR''C(O)₂R', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', -S(O)R', -S(O)₂R', -S(O)₂NR'R'', -NR'S(O)₂R'', -CN and -NO₂ in a number ranging from zero to (2 m'+1), where m' is the total number of carbon atoms in such radical. R', R'' and R''' each independently refer to hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁₋₈ alkyl, unsubstituted heteroalkyl, unsubstituted aryl, aryl substituted with 1-3 halogens, unsubstituted C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy or C₁₋₈ thioalkoxy groups, or unsubstituted aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl groups. When R' and R'' are attached to the same nitrogen atom, they can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-membered ring. For example, -NR'R'' is meant to include 1-pyrrolidinyl and 4-morpholinyl.

[0026] Similarly, substituents for the aryl and heteroaryl groups are varied and are generally selected from: -halogen, -OR', -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -SR', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''C(O)₂R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R'', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', -S(O)R', -S(O)₂R', -S(O)₂NR'R'', -NR'S(O)₂R'', -N₃, perfluoro(C₁₋₄)alkoxy, and perfluoro(C₁₋₄)alkyl, in a number ranging from zero to the total number of open valences on the aromatic ring system; and where R', R'' and R''' are independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl,

C₂₋₈ alkynyl, unsubstituted aryl and heteroaryl, (unsubstituted aryl)-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and unsubstituted aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl. Other suitable substituents include each of the above aryl substituents attached to a ring atom by an alkylene tether of from 1-4 carbon atoms.

[0027] Two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may

optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula -T-C(O)-(CH₂)_q-U-, wherein T and U are independently -NH-, -O-, -CH₂- or a single bond, and q is an integer of from 0 to 2.

Alternatively, two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula -A-(CH₂)_r-B-, wherein A and B are independently -CH₂-, -O-, -NH-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR'- or a single bond, and r is an

integer of from 1 to 3. One of the single bonds of the new ring so formed may optionally be replaced with a double bond. Alternatively, two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula -(CH₂)_s-X-(CH₂)_t-, where s and t are independently integers of from 0 to 3, and X is -O-, -NR'-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, or -S(O)₂NR'-. The substituent R' in -NR'- and -S(O)₂NR'- is selected from hydrogen or unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl.

[0028] As used herein, the term "heteroatom" is meant to include oxygen (O), nitrogen (N), sulfur (S) and silicon (Si).

[0029] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" is meant to include salts of the active compounds which are prepared with relatively nontoxic acids or bases, depending on the

particular substituents found on the compounds described herein. When compounds of the present invention contain relatively acidic functionalities, base addition salts can be obtained by contacting the neutral form of such compounds with a sufficient amount of the desired base, either neat or in a suitable inert solvent. Examples of salts derived from pharmaceutically-acceptable inorganic bases include aluminum, ammonium, calcium, copper, ferric, ferrous, lithium, magnesium, manganic, manganous, potassium, sodium, zinc and the like. Salts derived from pharmaceutically-acceptable organic bases include salts of primary, secondary and tertiary amines, including substituted amines, cyclic amines, naturally-occurring amines and the like, such as arginine, betaine, caffeine, choline, N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, diethylamine, 2-diethylaminoethanol, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, ethanolamine, ethylenediamine, N-ethylmorpholine, N-ethylpiperidine, glucamine, glucosamine, histidine, hydrabamine, isopropylamine, lysine, methylglucamine, morpholine, piperazine, piperadine, polyamine resins, procaine, purines, theobromine, triethylamine,

trimethylamine, tripropylamine, tromethamine and the like. When compounds of the present invention contain relatively basic functionalities, acid addition salts can be obtained by contacting the neutral form of such compounds with a sufficient amount of the desired acid, either neat or in a suitable inert solvent. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include those derived from inorganic acids like hydrochloric, hydrobromic, nitric, carbonic, monohydrogencarbonic, phosphoric, monohydrogenphosphoric, dihydrogenphosphoric, sulfuric, monohydrogensulfuric, hydriodic, or phosphorous acids and the like, as well as the salts derived from relatively nontoxic organic acids like acetic, propionic, isobutyric, malonic, benzoic, succinic, suberic, fumaric, mandelic, phthalic, benzenesulfonic, p-tolylsulfonic, citric, tartaric, methanesulfonic, and the like. Also included are salts of amino acids such as arginate and the like, and salts of organic acids like glucuronic or galactunoric acids and the like (see, for example, Berge, S.M., et al, "Pharmaceutical Salts", *Journal of Pharmaceutical Science*, 1977, 66, 1-19). Certain specific compounds of the present invention contain both basic and acidic functionalities that allow the compounds to be converted into either base or acid addition salts.

[0030] The neutral forms of the compounds may be regenerated by contacting the salt with a base or acid and isolating the parent compound in the conventional manner. The parent form of the compound differs from the various salt forms in certain physical properties, such as solubility in polar solvents, but otherwise the salts are equivalent to the parent form of the compound for the purposes of the present invention.

[0031] In addition to salt forms, the present invention provides compounds which are in a prodrug form. Prodrugs of the compounds described herein are those compounds that readily undergo chemical changes under physiological conditions to provide the compounds of the present invention. Additionally, prodrugs can be converted to the compounds of the present invention by chemical or biochemical methods in an *ex vivo* environment. For example, prodrugs can be slowly converted to the compounds of the present invention when placed in a transdermal patch reservoir with a suitable enzyme or chemical reagent.

[0032] Certain compounds of the present invention can exist in unsolvated forms as well as solvated forms, including hydrated forms. In general, the solvated forms are equivalent to unsolvated forms and are intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention. Certain compounds of the present invention may exist in multiple crystalline or

amorphous forms. In general, all physical forms are equivalent for the uses contemplated by the present invention and are intended to be within the scope of the present invention.

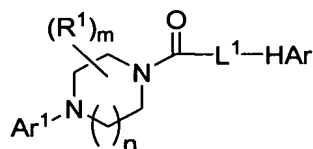
[0033] Certain compounds of the present invention possess asymmetric carbon atoms (optical centers) or double bonds; the racemates, diastereomers, geometric isomers, regioisomers and individual isomers (e.g., separate enantiomers) are all intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention. The compounds of the present invention may also contain unnatural proportions of atomic isotopes at one or more of the atoms that constitute such compounds. For example, the compounds may be radiolabeled with radioactive isotopes, such as for example tritium (^3H), iodine-125 (^{125}I) or carbon-14 (^{14}C). All isotopic variations of the compounds of the present invention, whether radioactive or not, are intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

II. General

[0034] The present invention derives from the discovery that compounds of formula I (as well as the subgeneric formulae II, III and IV) act as potent antagonists of the CCR1 receptor. This antagonist activity has been further confirmed in animal testing for inflammation, one of the hallmark disease states for CCR1. Accordingly, the compounds provided herein are useful in pharmaceutical compositions, methods for the treatment of CCR1-mediated diseases, and as controls in assays for the identification of competitive CCR1 antagonists.

III. Compounds

[0035] In one aspect, the present invention provides compounds having the formula:



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof.

[0036] In the formula above, the subscript n represents an integer of from 1 to 2, preferably 1. The subscript m represents an integer of from 0 to 10, limited by the number of available

substituents positions on the piperazine or homopiperazine ring to which it is attached. For example, piperazine derivatives (n is 1) can have from 0 to 8 R¹ groups, preferably 0 to 4 R¹ groups, and more preferably 0, 1 or 2 R¹ groups.

[0037] The symbol Ar¹ represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group.

- 5 Preferred aryl groups are phenyl and naphthyl. Preferred heteroaryl groups are those having from 5 to 10 ring vertices, at least one of which is a nitrogen atom (e.g., pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, purinyl and the like). Each of the Ar¹ rings is optionally substituted with from one to five R² substituents independently selected from halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d,
10 -C(O)R^c, -OC(O)NR^cR^d, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -NR^dC(O)₂R^c, -NR^c-C(O)NR^cR^d, -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR^cC(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR^e, -NH-C(NHR^e)=NH, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -S(O)₂NR^cR^d, -N₃, -X²OR^c, -O-X²OR^c, -X²OC(O)R^c, -X²NR^cR^d, -O-X²NR^cR^d, -X²SR^c, -X²CN, -X²NO₂, -X²CO₂R^c, -O-X²CO₂R^c, -X²CONR^cR^d, -O-X²CONR^cR^d, -X²C(O)R^c, -X²OC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²NR^dC(O)₂R^c, -X²NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d,
15 -X²NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -X²NR^cC(NH₂)=NH, -X²NH-C(NH₂)=NR^e, -X²NH-C(NHR^e)=NH, -X²S(O)R^e, -X²S(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -X²S(O)₂NR^cR^d, -X²N₃, -NR^d-X²OR^c, -NR^d-X²NR^cR^d, -NR^d-X²CO₂R^c, and -NR^d-X²CONR^cR^d, wherein X² is a member selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or optionally R^c and R^d when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members; and each R^e is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -ORⁿ, -OC(O)NHRⁿ,
20 -OC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -SH, -SRⁿ, -S(O)Rⁿ, -S(O)₂Rⁿ, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHRⁿ, -S(O)₂N(Rⁿ)₂, -NHS(O)₂Rⁿ, -NRⁿS(O)₂Rⁿ, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHRⁿ, -C(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -C(O)Rⁿ, -NHC(O)Rⁿ, -NRⁿC(O)Rⁿ, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NRⁿC(O)NH₂, -NRⁿC(O)NHRⁿ, -NHC(O)NHRⁿ,
25 -NRⁿC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -NHC(O)N(Rⁿ)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂Rⁿ, -NHCO₂Rⁿ, -NRⁿCO₂Rⁿ, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHRⁿ, -N(Rⁿ)₂, -NRⁿS(O)NH₂ and -NRⁿS(O)₂NHRⁿ, wherein each Rⁿ is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl.

[0038] HAr is an optionally substituted heteroaryl group. The heteroaryl groups for HAr can be the same or different from any of the heteroaryl groups used for Ar¹. Generally, the HAr groups are monocyclic, but can also be fused bicyclic systems having from 5 to 10 ring atoms, at least one of which is a nitrogen atom. Certain preferred heteroaryl groups are 5 or 6-membered rings having at least one nitrogen atom as a ring vertex and fused ring systems having a 5-membered ring fused to a benzene ring, for example pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, oxathiadiazolyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzopyrazolyl and benzotriazolyl. Preferably, the fused bicyclic HAr moiety, when present, is attached to the remainder of the molecule through the 5-member ring. Additionally, each of the HAr groups is substituted with from one to five R³ substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR^f, -OC(O)R^f, -NR^fR^g, -SR^f, -R^h, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -OC(O)NR^fR^g, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -S(O)R^h, -S(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -NR^fS(O)₂NR^fR^g, -N₃, -X³OR^f, -X³OC(O)R^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³SR^f, -X³CN, -X³NO₂, -X³CO₂R^f, -X³CONR^fR^g, -X³C(O)R^f, -X³OC(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NR^gC(O)R^f, -X³NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -X³NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -X³NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -X³S(O)R^h, -X³S(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -Y, -X³Y, -X³N₃, -O-X³OR^f, -O-X³NR^fR^g, -O-X³CO₂R^f, -O-X³CONR^fR^g, -NR^g-X³OR^f, -NR^g-X³NR^fR^g, -NR^g-X³CO₂R^f, and -NR^g-X³CONR^fR^g, wherein Y is a five or six-membered aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring, optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR^f, -NR^fR^g, -R^h, -SR^f, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -S(O)R^h, -S(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -X³OR^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h and -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g, and wherein each X³ is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^f and R^g is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions of R^f, R^g and R^h is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o,

-NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o,
 -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂,
 -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o,
 -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o, wherein each R^o is independently an

5 unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl. Among the most preferred HAr groups are substituted or unsubstituted pyrazoles and substituted or unsubstituted triazoles. Preferably, substituted or unsubstituted pyrazoles are attached to the remainder of the molecule via a nitrogen atom of the pyrazole ring.

[0039] The symbol L¹ represents a linking group having from one to three main chain
 10 atoms selected from the group consisting of C, N, O and S and being optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, phenyl,
 -ORⁱ, -OC(O)Rⁱ, -NRⁱR^j, -SRⁱ, -R^k, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂Rⁱ, -CONRⁱR^j, -C(O)Rⁱ, -OC(O)NRⁱR^j, -
 NR^jC(O)Rⁱ, -NR^jC(O)₂R^k, -X⁴ORⁱ, -X⁴OC(O)Rⁱ, -X⁴NRⁱR^j, -X⁴SRⁱ, -X⁴CN, -X⁴NO₂, -
 X⁴CO₂Rⁱ, -X⁴CONRⁱR^j, -X⁴C(O)Rⁱ, -X⁴OC(O)NRⁱR^j, -X⁴NR^jC(O)Rⁱ and -X⁴NR^jC(O)₂R^k,

15 wherein X⁴ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each Rⁱ and R^j is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and each R^k is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄
 20 alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl. In certain preferred embodiments, the linking groups are unsubstituted, while in other preferred embodiments, substituents are present that can increase partitioning into selected solvents or into selected tissues. For example, addition of a hydroxy group to a propylene linkage will generally provide compounds having more favorable solubility in water. Preferably, L¹ is selected from -CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-,

25 -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂O-, -CH₂NH-, -CH₂OCH₂- and -CH₂NHCH₂-.

[0040] Returning to the piperazine or homopiperazine portion of the compounds, each R¹ is a substituent independently selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a, -CONR^aR^b, -NR^aCOR^b, -SO₂R^a, -X¹COR^a,
 -X¹CO₂R^a, -X¹CONR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aCOR^b, -X¹SO₂R^a, -X¹SO₂NR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aR^b,
 30 -X¹OR^a, wherein X¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^a and R^b is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl and aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, and wherein the aliphatic portions of each of the R¹ substituents is optionally substituted with

from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^m, -OC(O)NHR^m, -OC(O)N(R^m)₂, -SH, -SR^m, -S(O)R^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^m, -S(O)₂N(R^m)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^m, -NR^mS(O)₂R^m, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^m, -C(O)N(R^m)₂, -C(O)R^m, -NHC(O)R^m, -NR^mC(O)R^m, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NHR^m, -NHC(O)NHR^m,
 5 -NR^mC(O)N(R^m)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^m)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^m, -NHCO₂R^m, -NR^mCO₂R^m, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^m, -N(R^m)₂, -NR^mS(O)NH₂ and -NR^mS(O)₂NHR^m, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl.

[0041] Excluded from the above generic formula, as well as each of the formulae below, are those compounds that are either commercially available or known in the literature,

10 including: CAS Reg. No. 492422-98-7, 1-[[4-bromo-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl]-4-(5-chloro-2-methylphenyl)-piperazine; CAS Reg. No. 351986-92-0, 1-[[4-chloro-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]acetyl]-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazine; CAS Reg. No. 356039-23-1, 1-[(3,5-dimethyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)acetyl]-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazine; 1-(2-{4-nitro-3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}propanoyl)-4-phenylpiperazine; 2-(2,4-Dinitro-imidazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone; 2-(2,4-Dinitro-imidazol-1-yl)-1-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone; 2-(4-Nitro-imidazol-1-yl)-1-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone; and CAS Reg. No. 492992-15-1, 3-[3-Fluoro-4-[4-[(1-pyrazolyl)acetyl]piperazine-1-yl]phenyl]-5-[[isoxazol-3-yl]amino]methyl]isoxazole.

20 [0042] A number of groups of embodiments can be outlined as follows.

[0043] In a first group of embodiments, the compounds are represented by formula I in which Ar¹ is selected from

- (i) phenyl, substituted with from 1 to 5 R² groups;
- (ii) pyridinyl, substituted with from 1 to 4 R² groups; and
- 25 (iii) pyrimidinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups;
- (iv) pyrazinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups; and
- (v) pyridazinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups;

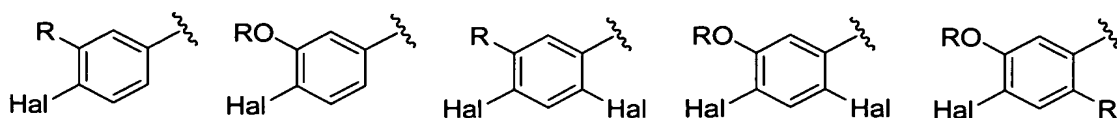
wherein each R² is a member independently selected from the group consisting of halogen,

-OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^c, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c,

30 -OC(O)NR^cR^d, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -NR^dC(O)₂R^c, -NR^c-C(O)NR^cR^d, -S(O)R^c, -S(O)₂R^c,

-NR^cS(O)₂R^c, -S(O)₂NR^cR^d and -N₃, wherein each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each R^c

is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, wherein the aliphatic portions of R^c, R^d and R^e are optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH, O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂. More preferably, Ar¹ is phenyl substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups. Some preferred embodiments are those in which the Ar¹ groups are represented by:



wherein Hal is F, Cl or Br and each R is independently C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl.

[0044] In other preferred embodiments, L¹ is -CH₂- and is optionally substituted with phenyl, -R^k, -X⁴ORⁱ, -X⁴OC(O)Rⁱ, -X⁴NRⁱR^j, -X⁴SRⁱ, -X⁴CN or -X⁴NO₂. In still other preferred embodiments, HAr is selected from pyrazolyl and triazolyl, each of which is optionally substituted with from one to three R³ groups independently selected from halogen, phenyl, thienyl, -OR^f, -OC(O)R^f, -NR^fR^g, -SR^f, -R^h, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -OC(O)NR^fR^g, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -S(O)R^h, -S(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂NR^fR^g, -N₃, -X³OR^f, -X³OC(O)R^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³SR^f, -X³CN, -X³NO₂, -X³CO₂R^f, -X³CONR^fR^g, -X³C(O)R^f, -X³OC(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NR^gC(O)R^f, -X³NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -X³S(O)R^h, -X³S(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g and -X³N₃ wherein R^f and R^g are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl and C₁₋₈ haloalkyl. In still other preferred embodiments, the subscript n is 1, m is 0, 1 or 2, Ar¹ is phenyl substituted with from one to three R² groups, HAr is pyrazolyl which is substituted with three R³ groups and L¹ is -CH₂-. In certain preferred embodiments in this group, Ar¹ is selected from those substituted phenyl moieties provided in Figures 1A and 1B.

[0045] In a second group of embodiments, the compounds are represented by formula I in which Ar¹ is selected from

- (i) phenyl, substituted with from 1 to 5 R² groups;
- (ii) pyridinyl, substituted with from 1 to 4 R² groups; and
- (iii) pyrimidinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups;
- (iv) pyrazinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups; and
- (v) pyridazinyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R² groups;

wherein each R^2 is a member independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-X^2OR^c$, $-O-X^2OR^c$, $-X^2OC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^cR^d$, $-O-X^2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2SR^c$, $-X^2CN$, $-X^2NO_2$, $-X^2CO_2R^c$, $-O-X^2CO_2R^c$, $-X^2CONR^cR^d$, $-O-X^2CONR^cR^d$, $-X^2C(O)R^c$, $-X^2OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NH-C(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^2NR^cC(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^2NH-C(NH_2)=NR^e$, $-X^2NH-C(NHR^e)=NH$, $-X^2S(O)R^e$, $-X^2S(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cS(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2S(O)_2NR^cR^d$ and $-X^2N_3$.

[0046] In a third group of embodiments, the compounds are represented by formula I in which HAr is a member selected from the group consisting of pyrazolyl and triazolyl, which

is optionally substituted with from one to three R^3 groups independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^f$, $-OC(O)R^f$, $-NR^fR^g$, $-SR^f$, $-R^h$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-CO_2R^f$,

$-CONR^fR^g$, $-C(O)R^f$, $-OC(O)NR^fR^g$, $-NR^gC(O)R^f$, $-NR^gC(O)_2R^h$, $-NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g$, $-NH-C(NH_2)=NH$, $-NR^hC(NH_2)=NH$, $-NH-C(NH_2)=NR^h$, $-NH-C(NHR^h)=NH$, $-S(O)R^h$, $-S(O)_2R^h$, $-NR^fS(O)_2R^h$, $-S(O)_2NR^fR^g$, $-NR^fS(O)_2R^h$, $-NR^fS(O)_2NR^fR^g$, $-N_3$, $-X^3OR^f$,

$-X^3OC(O)R^f$, $-X^3NR^fR^g$, $-X^3SR^f$, $-X^3CN$, $-X^3NO_2$, $-X^3CO_2R^f$, $-X^3CONR^fR^g$, $-X^3C(O)R^f$, $-X^3OC(O)NR^fR^g$, $-X^3NR^gC(O)R^f$, $-X^3NR^gC(O)_2R^h$, $-X^3NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g$,

$-X^3NH-C(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^3NR^hC(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^3NH-C(NH_2)=NR^h$, $-X^3NH-C(NHR^h)=NH$, $-X^3S(O)R^h$, $-X^3S(O)_2R^h$, $-X^3NR^fS(O)_2R^h$, $-X^3S(O)_2NR^fR^g$, $-Y$, $-X^3Y$ and $-X^3N_3$ wherein Y is a five or six-membered aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring, optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-OR^f$, $-NR^fR^g$, $-R^h$,

$-SR^f$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-CO_2R^f$, $-CONR^fR^g$, $-C(O)R^f$, $-NR^gC(O)R^f$, $-S(O)R^h$, $-S(O)_2R^h$, $-NR^fS(O)_2R^h$, $-S(O)_2NR^fR^g$, $-X^3OR^f$, $-X^3NR^fR^g$, $-X^3NR^fS(O)_2R^h$ and $-X^3S(O)_2NR^fR^g$, and

wherein each X^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene and C_{2-4} alkynylene and each R^f and R^g is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4}

alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, or when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions of R^f , R^g and

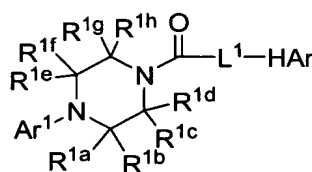
R^h are optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^o$, $-OC(O)NHR^o$, $-OC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-SH$, $-SR^o$, $-S(O)R^o$, $-S(O)_2R^o$,

$-SO_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2NHR^o$, $-S(O)_2N(R^o)_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^o$, $-NR^oS(O)_2R^o$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NHR^o$, $-C(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-C(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)R^o$, $-NR^oC(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^oC(O)NH_2$,

$-NR^oC(O)NHR^o$, $-NHC(O)NHR^o$, $-NR^oC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-NHC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^o$,

-NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o, wherein R^o is unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl. Within this group of embodiments, preferred compounds are those in which n is 1, m is 0-2, Ar¹ is phenyl substituted with from one to three R² groups, HAr is pyrazolyl which is substituted with three R³ groups and L¹ is -CH₂-. Further preferred are those in which Ar¹ is selected from the substituted phenyl moieties provided in Figures 1A and 1B. In some preferred embodiments are those compounds in which one of the R³ groups is selected from the group consisting of -Y and -X³-Y. More preferably, those compounds wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of thienyl, furanyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridizynyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and oxadiazolyl, which is optionally substituted, or phenyl which is substituted as set forth above, or more preferably, with from one to three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, -OR^f, -NR^fR^g, -COR^f, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -NO₂, -R^h, -CN, -X³-OR^f, -X³-NR^fR^g and -X³-NR^fS(O)₂R^h, wherein R^f and R^g are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl and C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl and C₁₋₈ haloalkyl.

[0047] In another group of embodiments, the compounds are represented by formula II:



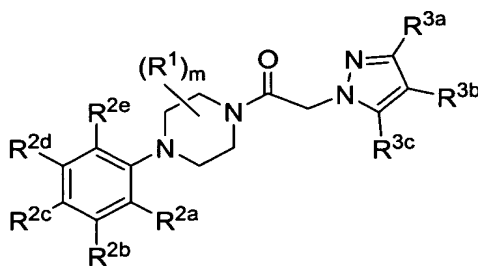
(II)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof, wherein each of R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{1c}, R^{1d}, R^{1e}, R^{1f}, R^{1g} and R^{1h} represents a member independently selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a, -CONR^aR^b, -NR^aCOR^b, -SO₂R^a, -X¹COR^a, -X¹CO₂R^a, -X¹CONR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aCOR^b, -X¹SO₂R^a, -X¹SO₂NR^aR^b, -X¹NR^aR^b, -X¹OR^a, wherein X¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^a and R^b is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl and aryl-C₁₋₄alkyl, and wherein the aliphatic portions of each of the R¹ substituents is optionally substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^m, -OC(O)NHR^m, -OC(O)N(R^m)₂, -SH, -SR^m, -S(O)R^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^m, -S(O)₂N(R^m)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^m, -NR^mS(O)₂R^m, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^m,

-C(O)N(R^m)₂, -C(O)R^m, -NHC(O)R^m, -NR^mC(O)R^m, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NH₂,
 -NR^mC(O)NHR^m, -NHC(O)NHR^m, -NR^mC(O)N(R^m)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^m)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^m,
 -NHCO₂R^m, -NR^mCO₂R^m, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^m, -N(R^m)₂, -NR^mS(O)NH₂ and
 -NR^mS(O)₂NHR^m, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl. The

5 remaining groups have the meanings provided above with reference to formula I in their most complete interpretation. Preferably, Ar¹ is phenyl, optionally substituted with from one to five R² substituents; and HAr is pyrazolyl, substituted with from 1 to 3 R³ substituents. Still more preferably, L¹ is -CH₂-. Further preferred are those compounds in which Ar¹ is phenyl substituted with from one to three independently selected R² substituents and HAr is
 10 pyrazolyl substituted with one to three, more preferably three R³ substituents. In still further preferred embodiments, Ar¹ is a substituted phenyl selected from those provided in Figures 1A and 1B. Even further preferred are those compounds in which HAr is selected from the substituted pyrazoles provided in Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E and 3. Still more preferably, no more than two of R^{1a} through R^{1h} are other than H.

15 **[0048]** In yet another group of embodiments, compounds are provided having formula III:



(III)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or N-oxide thereof, wherein the subscript m is an integer of from 0 to 2; each R¹ is selected from the group consisting of -CO₂H, C₁₋₄ alkyl and
 20 C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted with -OH, -OR^m, -OC(O)NHR^m, -OC(O)N(R^m)₂, -SH, -SR^m, -S(O)R^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^m, -S(O)₂N(R^m)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^m, -NR^mS(O)₂R^m, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^m, -C(O)N(R^m)₂, -C(O)R^m, -NHC(O)R^m, -NR^mC(O)R^m, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NHR^m, -NHC(O)NHR^m, -NR^mC(O)N(R^m)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^m)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^m, -NHCO₂R^m,
 25 -NR^mCO₂R^m, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^m, -N(R^m)₂, -NR^mS(O)NH₂ and -NR^mS(O)₂NHR^m, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl; R^{2a}, R^{2b}, R^{2c}, R^{2d} and R^{2e} are each members independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^c, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -OC(O)NR^cR^d, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -

$\text{NR}^d\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{NR}^e-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{NR}^e\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NR}^e$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NHR}^e)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^e$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{NR}^e\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{N}_3$, $-\text{X}^2\text{OR}^e$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^2\text{OR}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{X}^2\text{SR}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{CN}$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{X}^2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{CONR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^2\text{CONR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{X}^2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^d\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^e$, -
5 $\text{X}^2\text{NR}^d\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^c\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^e\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NR}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NHR}^e)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{X}^2\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^e\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^e$, $-\text{X}^2\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{X}^2\text{N}_3$, $-\text{NR}^d-\text{X}^2\text{OR}^e$, $-\text{NR}^d-\text{X}^2\text{NR}^c\text{R}^d$, $-\text{NR}^d-\text{X}^2\text{CO}_2\text{R}^e$, and $-\text{NR}^d-\text{X}^2\text{CONR}^c\text{R}^d$, wherein X^2 is a member selected from the group consisting of C_{1-4} alkylene, C_{2-4} alkenylene and C_{2-4} alkynylene and each R^c and R^d is independently selected
10 from hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, or optionally R^c and R^d when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members; and each R^e is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl,
15 C_{2-8} alkenyl, C_{2-8} alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl- C_{1-4} alkyl, and aryloxy- C_{1-4} alkyl, and each of R^c , R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^n$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{SH}$, $-\text{SR}^n$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^n$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$,
20 $-\text{NR}^n\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NHCO}_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{CO}_2\text{R}^n$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHR}^n$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^n)_2$, $-\text{NR}^n\text{S}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$ and $-\text{NR}^n\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^n$, wherein each R^n is independently an unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl, such that at least one of R^{2a} , R^{2b} , R^{2c} , R^{2d} and R^{2e} is other than H; R^{3a} , R^{3b} and R^{3c} are each members independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, $-\text{OR}^f$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{SR}^f$, $-\text{R}^h$, $-\text{CN}$,
25 $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^f$, $-\text{CONR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{NR}^g\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{NR}^g\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{NR}^f-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{NR}^h\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NR}^h$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NHR}^h)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^h$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{NR}^h\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{NR}^f\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{N}_3$, $-\text{X}^3\text{OR}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{SR}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{CN}$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{X}^3\text{CO}_2\text{R}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{CONR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^g\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^f$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^g\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$,
30 $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^h\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{NR}^h$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NH}-\text{C}(\text{NHR}^h)=\text{NH}$, $-\text{X}^3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^h$, $-\text{X}^3\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^h$, $-\text{X}^3\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{Y}$, $-\text{X}^3\text{Y}$, $-\text{X}^3\text{N}_3$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^3\text{OR}^f$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^3\text{CO}_2\text{R}^f$, $-\text{O}-\text{X}^3\text{CONR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{NR}^g-\text{X}^3\text{OR}^f$, $-\text{NR}^g-\text{X}^3\text{NR}^f\text{R}^g$, $-\text{NR}^g-\text{X}^3\text{CO}_2\text{R}^f$, and $-\text{NR}^g-\text{X}^3\text{CONR}^f\text{R}^g$, wherein Y is a five or six-membered aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring, optionally substituted with from one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen,

-OR^f, -NR^fR^g, -R^h, -SR^f, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -S(O)R^h, -S(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -X³OR^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h and -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g, and wherein each X³ is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkylene, C₂₋₄ alkenylene and C₂₋₄ alkynylene and each R^f and R^g is independently
5 selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, or when attached to the same nitrogen atom can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a five or six-membered ring having from 0 to 2 additional heteroatoms as ring members, and each R^h is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈
10 alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, and aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions of R^f, R^g and R^h is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂,
15 -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o, wherein each R^o is independently an unsubstituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, such that at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is other than H.

[0049] Within the group of formula III above, certain groups of embodiments are

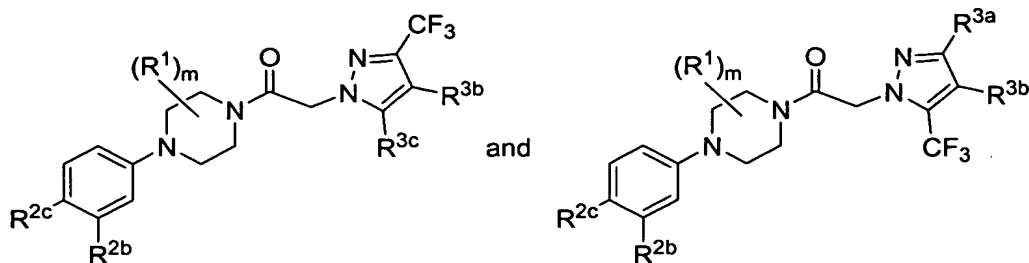
20 particularly preferred. In one group of particularly preferred embodiments, the subscript m is 0 or 1 and at least one of R^{2a} or R^{2e} is hydrogen. More preferably, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above. Still more preferably, R^{2d} is hydrogen and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the
25 aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above, with the remaining member being other than hydrogen. In related, and preferred embodiments, m is 0 or 1 and at least one of R^{2a} or R^{2e} is hydrogen, R^{2d} is hydrogen, R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally
30 substituted as set forth above, with the remaining member being other than hydrogen. In another group of particularly preferred embodiments, the subscript m is 0 or 1; and R^{2a} and R^{2e} are both hydrogen. More preferably, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above. Still more preferably, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is

selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above, and the remaining members of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are other than hydrogen. In yet another group of particularly preferred embodiments, the subscript m is 0 or 1; and R^{2b} and R^{2e} are both hydrogen. More preferably, at least one of R^{3a},
 5 R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above. Still more preferably, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above, and the remaining members of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are other than hydrogen.

- 10 **[0050]** In other groups of preferred embodiments of formula III, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from -Y and -X³-Y. Related embodiments are those in which m is 0 or 1 and at least one of R^{2a} and R^{2e} is hydrogen. In still other embodiments, R^{3b} is halogen. Further preferred are those compounds in which R^{3b} is halogen and R¹, when present, is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, optionally substituted with -OH, -OR^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -CO₂H
 15 and -CO₂R^m. In yet other embodiments, m is 0 or 1; at least one of R^{2a} and R^{2e} is hydrogen; and at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above. More preferably, R^{2d} is hydrogen and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above.
 20 Still further preferred are those compounds in which R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and each of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is other than hydrogen.

- [0051]** In another group of preferred embodiments of formula III, m is 0 or 1 and each of R^{2a} and R^{2e} are hydrogen. In still other embodiments, R^{3b} is halogen. Further preferred are those compounds in which R^{3b} is halogen and R¹, when present, is selected from the group
 25 consisting of C₁₋₄ alkyl, optionally substituted with -OH, -OR^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -CO₂H and -CO₂R^m. In yet other embodiments, m is 0 or 1; each of R^{2a} and R^{2e} are hydrogen; and at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally substituted as set forth above. More preferably, each of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is other than hydrogen. Still further preferred are those compounds in which
 30 R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃. In related embodiments, m is 0 or 1 and R^{2b} and R^{2e} are each hydrogen.

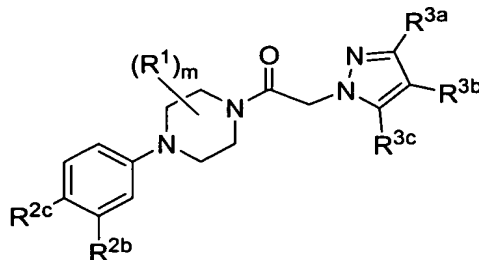
[0052] In other preferred groups of formula III, the compounds have a formula selected from



wherein each of the substituents has the meaning provided above with respect to formula III.

- 5 In one group of embodiments, R^{3c} and R^{3a} are each independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; and R^{3b} is halogen. In another group of embodiments, R^{3c} and R^{3a} are each independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of
- 10 -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o. In still other embodiments, m is 0. For embodiments in which m is 1 or 2,
- 15 R¹ is preferably C_{1-4} alkyl, optionally substituted with -OH, -OR^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -CO₂H and -CO₂R^m.

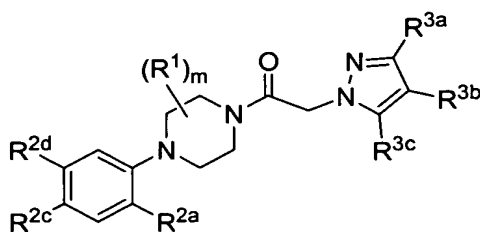
[0053] In other preferred groups of formula III, the compounds have a formula selected from



- 20 wherein each of the substituents has the meaning provided above with respect to formula III. In one group of embodiments, R^{3c} and R^{3a} are each independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; and R^{3b} is halogen. In another group of embodiments, R^{3c} and R^{3a} are each independently selected from the group consisting

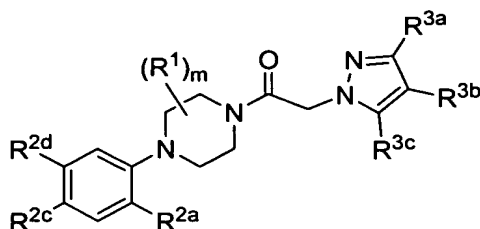
of C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂,
 5 -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o. In some embodiments, R^{2a} is other than hydrogen, and is preferably selected from halogen, cyano and nitro; and R^{2b} is selected from -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²-OR^c, -R^c, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, and -NR^cSO₂R^d. In still other embodiments, m is 0. For embodiments in
 10 which m is 1 or 2, R¹ is preferably -CO₂H or C₁₋₄ alkyl, optionally substituted with -OH, -OR^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -CO₂H and -CO₂R^m.

[0054] Other preferred compounds of formula III are represented by the formula:



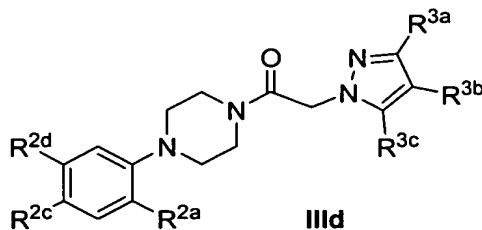
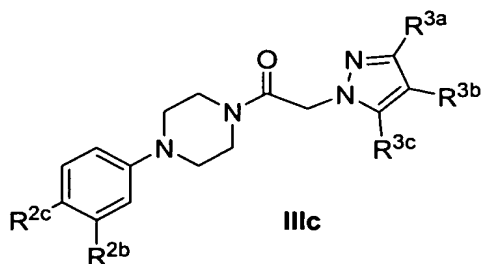
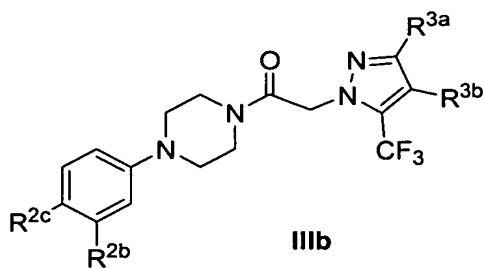
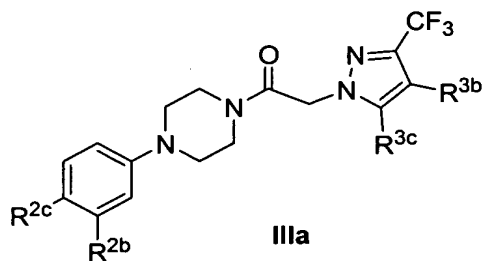
wherein R^{2a} is other than hydrogen; R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2d} is -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c,
 15 -X²-OR^c, -R^c, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, and -NR^cSO₂R^d; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl and C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂,
 20 -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y. Further preferred are those compounds in which each R¹, when present, is selected from the group consisting of -CO₂H and C₁₋₄ alkyl, optionally substituted
 25 with a member selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -CO₂H and -CO₂R^m.

[0055] Related embodiments are those compounds having the formula:



wherein R^{2a} is other than hydrogen; R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2d} is $-SR^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2-OR^c$, $-R^c$, $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, and $-NR^cSO_2R^d$; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of NH_2 , CF_3 , SCH_3 and Y ; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^o$, $-OC(O)NHR^o$, $-OC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-SH$, $-SR^o$, $-S(O)R^o$, $-S(O)_2R^o$, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2NHR^o$, $-S(O)_2N(R^o)_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^o$, $-NR^oS(O)_2R^o$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NHR^o$, $-C(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-C(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)R^o$, $-NR^oC(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^oC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^oC(O)NHR^o$, $-NHC(O)NHR^o$, $-NR^oC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-NHC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^o$, $-NHCO_2R^o$, $-NR^oCO_2R^o$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^o$, $-N(R^o)_2$, $-NR^oS(O)NH_2$ and $-NR^oS(O)_2NHR^o$. Further preferred are those compounds in which each R^1 , when present, is selected from the group consisting of $-CO_2H$ and C_{1-4} alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^m$, $-S(O)_2R^m$, $-CO_2H$ and $-CO_2R^m$.

15 [0056] Still other preferred groups of formula III above, are:



[0057] Turning first to the compounds of formula IIIa, R^{3b} is preferably halogen, nitro or cyano, more preferably halogen and most preferably chloro or bromo; R^{3c} is preferably C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; R^{2c} is halogen and R^{2b} is $-SR^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2-OR^c$,

-R^e, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e and -NR^dC(O)R^c; wherein R^c and R^d are selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and R^e is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted as described
5 above, or in some embodiments with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH, O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂.

[0058] For the compounds of formula IIIb, R^{3b} is preferably halogen, nitro or cyano, more preferably halogen and most preferably chloro or bromo; R^{3a} is preferably C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆
10 haloalkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; R^{2c} is preferably halogen and R^{2b} is preferably -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²-OR^c, -R^e, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e and -NR^dC(O)R^c; wherein R^c and R^d are selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and R^e is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted as described
15 above, or in some embodiments, with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH, O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂.

[0059] For the compounds of formula IIIc, R^{3a} is selected from NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; R^{3c} is preferably C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; R^{2c} is
20 halogen, cyano or nitro; and R^{2b} is selected from hydrogen, halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²OR^c, -X²OC(O)R^c, -X²NR^cR^d, -X²SR^c, -X²CO₂R^c, -X²CONR^cR^d, -X²C(O)R^c, -X²OC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²NR^dC(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²S(O)R^c, -X²S(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²S(O)₂NR^cR^d and -X²N₃, wherein X²
25 is C₁₋₄ alkylene, and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each R^e is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted as described above for formula III, or with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH,
30 O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂. In the most preferred embodiments, R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2b} is -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²-OR^c, -R^e, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e and -NR^dC(O)R^c; wherein R^c and R^d are selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and R^e

is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH, O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl and C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl.

[0060] In related, and preferred embodiments, compounds of formula IIIc are provided wherein R^{3c} is selected from NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; R^{3a} is preferably C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted as provided above for formula III; R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro, preferably halogen; and R^{2b} is selected from hydrogen, halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²OR^c, -X²OC(O)R^c, -X²NR^cR^d, -X²SR^c, -X²CO₂R^c, -X²CONR^cR^d, -X²C(O)R^c, -X²OC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²NR^dC(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²S(O)R^e, -X²S(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²S(O)₂NR^cR^d and -X²N₃, wherein X² is C₁₋₄ alkylene, and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each R^e is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ haloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl and C₂₋₈ alkynyl, and each of R^c, R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted as described above for formula III, or with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH, O(C₁₋₈ alkyl), SH, S(C₁₋₈ alkyl), CN, NO₂, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₈ alkyl) and N(C₁₋₈ alkyl)₂. In the most preferred embodiments, R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2b} is -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²-OR^c, -R^e, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e or -NR^dC(O)R^c; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl and C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl; R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y; and R^{3b} is chloro or bromo.

[0061] For the compounds of formula IIId, R^{3a} is selected from NH₂, CF₃, SCH₃ and Y; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; R^{3c} is preferably C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted as for formula III; R^{2a} is preferably other than hydrogen, and is selected from halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -X²OR^c, -X²OC(O)R^c, -X²NR^cR^d, -X²SR^c, -X²CO₂R^c, -X²CONR^cR^d, -X²C(O)R^c, -X²OC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²NR^dC(O)R^c, -X²NR^dC(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d, -X²S(O)R^e, -X²S(O)₂R^e, -X²NR^cS(O)₂R^e, -X²S(O)₂NR^cR^d and -X²N₃; R^{2c} is hydrogen, halogen, cyano or nitro, preferably halogen; and R^{2d} is selected from hydrogen, halogen, -OR^c, -OC(O)R^c, -NR^cR^d, -SR^c, -R^e, -CO₂R^c, -CONR^cR^d, -C(O)R^c, -S(O)R^e, -S(O)₂R^e, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e,

$-NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2OR^c$, $-X^2OC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2SR^c$, $-X^2CO_2R^c$, $-X^2CONR^cR^d$,
 $-X^2C(O)R^c$, $-X^2OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)_2R^c$, $-X^2NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, -
 $X^2S(O)R^c$, $-X^2S(O)_2R^c$, $-X^2NR^cS(O)_2R^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2S(O)_2NR^cR^d$ and $-X^2N_3$, wherein X^2
 is C_{1-4} alkylene, and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8}
 5 haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl and C_{2-8} alkynyl, and each R^e is independently selected
 from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl and C_{2-8}
 alkynyl, and each of R^c , R^d and R^e is optionally further substituted as described above for
 formula III, or with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of OH,
 $O(C_{1-8}$ alkyl), SH, $S(C_{1-8}$ alkyl), CN, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-8}$ alkyl) and $N(C_{1-8}$ alkyl) $_2$; and no
 10 more than one of R^{2a} and R^{2d} is hydrogen. Preferably, each of R^{2a} and R^{2d} is other than
 hydrogen. In the most preferred embodiments, R^{2a} is other than hydrogen; R^{2c} is
 halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2d} is $-SR^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2-OR^c$, $-R^e$, $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-NR^cS(O)_2R^e$
 or $-NR^dC(O)R^c$; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl;
 R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of NH_2 , CF_3 , SCH_3 , Ph
 15 and thienyl.

[0062] In related and preferred embodiments, compounds of formula IIIId are provided
 wherein R^{3c} is selected from NH_2 , CF_3 , SCH_3 and Y; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; R^{3a} is preferably
 C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; R^{2a} is hydrogen, halogen, $-OR^c$, $-OC(O)R^c$, -
 NR^cR^d , $-SR^c$, $-R^e$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-CONR^cR^d$, $-C(O)R^c$, $-S(O)R^e$, $-S(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2OR^c$, $-X^2OC(O)R^c$, -
 20 $X^2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2SR^c$, $-X^2CO_2R^c$, $-X^2CONR^cR^d$, $-X^2C(O)R^c$, $-X^2OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)R^c$, -
 $X^2NR^dC(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2S(O)R^c$, $-X^2S(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cS(O)_2R^e$,
 $-X^2S(O)_2NR^cR^d$ and $-X^2N_3$; R^{2c} is hydrogen, halogen, cyano or nitro; and R^{2d} is selected from
 hydrogen, halogen, $-OR^c$, $-OC(O)R^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-SR^c$, $-R^e$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-CONR^cR^d$, $-C(O)R^c$, -
 $S(O)R^e$, $-S(O)_2R^e$, $-NR^cS(O)_2R^e$, $-NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2OR^c$, $-X^2OC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2SR^c$, -
 25 $X^2CO_2R^c$, $-X^2CONR^cR^d$, $-X^2C(O)R^c$, $-X^2OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)_2R^e$,
 $-X^2NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2S(O)R^c$, $-X^2S(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cS(O)_2R^e$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2S(O)_2NR^cR^d$
 and $-X^2N_3$, wherein X^2 is C_{1-4} alkylene, and each R^c and R^d is independently selected from
 hydrogen, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl and C_{2-8} alkynyl, and each R^e
 is independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl, C_{3-6}
 30 cycloalkyl, C_{2-8} alkenyl and C_{2-8} alkynyl, and each of R^c , R^d and R^e is optionally further
 substituted as described above for formula III, or with from one to three members selected
 from the group consisting of OH, $O(C_{1-8}$ alkyl), SH, $S(C_{1-8}$ alkyl), CN, NO_2 , NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-8}$
 alkyl) and $N(C_{1-8}$ alkyl) $_2$; and no more than one of R^{2a} and R^{2d} is hydrogen. Preferably, each

of R^{2a} and R^{2d} is other than hydrogen. In the most preferred embodiments, R^{2a} is other than hydrogen; R^{2c} is halogen, cyano or nitro; R^{2d} is $-SR^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2-OR^c$, $-R^e$, $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-NR^cS(O)_2R^e$ or $-NR^dC(O)R^c$; R^{3a} is selected from the group consisting of NH_2 , CF_3 , SCH_3 and Y ; R^{3b} is chloro or bromo; and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-6} alkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted as described above.

[0063] Returning to formula III above, a particularly preferred group of compounds are those in which m is 0 or 1; R^1 , when present, is C_{1-2} alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^m$, $-S(O)_2R^m$, $-CO_2H$ and $-CO_2R^m$; R^{2a} is selected from H , CH_3 and halogen; R^{2b} is H ; R^{2c} is selected from H , Cl and Br ; R^{2d} is selected from OCH_3 , OCH_2CH_3 , $NHCH_3$, CH_2OCH_3 and CH_3 ; R^{2e} is H , such that at least one of R^{2a} and R^{2c} is other than H ; R^{3b} is Cl or Br ; one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is cyclopropyl, CF_3 or methyl optionally substituted with NH_2 , OH or OCH_3 , and the other of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is selected from the group consisting of CF_3 , Br , CH_3 , $-CO_2CH_3$, $-CO_2Et$, $-N(CH_3)_2$, $-NH_2$, ethyl, isopropyl, substituted phenyl and substituted or unsubstituted thienyl.

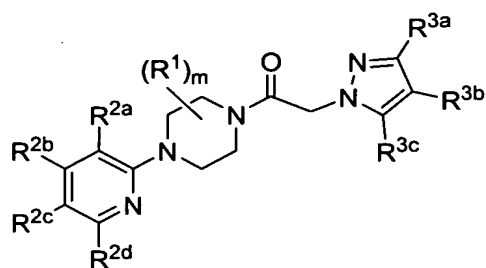
[0064] Another particularly preferred group of embodiments of formula III are those in which m is 0 or 1, preferably 0; R^1 , when present, is $-CO_2R^a$, $-X^1-SO_2R^a$, or C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^m$, $-OC(O)NHR^m$, $-OC(O)N(R^m)_2$, $-SH$, $-SR^m$, $-S(O)R^m$, $-S(O)_2R^m$, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2NHR^m$, $-S(O)_2N(R^m)_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^m$, $-NR^mS(O)_2R^m$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NHR^m$, $-C(O)N(R^m)_2$, $-C(O)R^m$, $-NHC(O)R^m$, $-NR^mC(O)R^m$, $-NHC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^mC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^mC(O)NHR^m$, $-NHC(O)NHR^m$, $-NR^mC(O)N(R^m)_2$, $-NHC(O)N(R^m)_2$, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^m$, $-NHCO_2R^m$, $-NR^mCO_2R^m$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^m$, $-N(R^m)_2$, $-NR^mS(O)NH_2$ and $-NR^mS(O)_2NHR^m$, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl; R^{2a} , R^{2b} and R^{2e} are each hydrogen; R^{2d} is selected from $-SR^c$, $-O-X^2-OR^c$, $-X^2-OR^c$, $-R^e$, $-OR^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-NR^cS(O)_2R^e$ and $-NR^dC(O)R^c$; R^{3b} is halogen; and R^{3a} and R^{3c} are each independently selected from halogen, $-NR^fR^g$, $-SR^f$, $-CO_2R^f$, $-Y$ and $-R^h$, wherein R^h is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of $-OH$, $-OR^o$, $-OC(O)NHR^o$, $-OC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-SH$, $-SR^o$, $-S(O)R^o$, $-S(O)_2R^o$, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-S(O)_2NHR^o$, $-S(O)_2N(R^o)_2$, $-NHS(O)_2R^o$, $-NR^oS(O)_2R^o$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NHR^o$, $-C(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-C(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)R^o$, $-NR^oC(O)R^o$, $-NHC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^oC(O)NH_2$, $-NR^oC(O)NHR^o$, $-NHC(O)NHR^o$, $-NR^oC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-NHC(O)N(R^o)_2$, $-CO_2H$, $-CO_2R^o$, $-NHCO_2R^o$, $-NR^oCO_2R^o$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^o$, $-N(R^o)_2$, $-NR^oS(O)NH_2$ and $-NR^oS(O)_2NHR^o$. Further preferred within this

group of embodiments are those compounds in which (a) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o,
5 -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o; (b) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is -NR^fR^g; (c) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is Y, wherein when Y is phenyl, the phenyl group is substituted; or (d) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is
10 is Y, wherein Y is an unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl group. Any substituents not particularly set forth are meant to have their most complete meaning with reference to formula III. Additionally, all compounds are meant to include their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, as well as any N-oxides thereof.

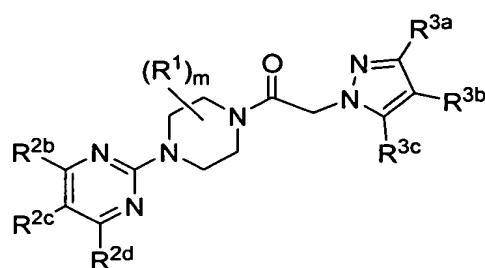
[0065] Another particularly preferred group of embodiments of formula III are those in
15 which m is 0 or 1, preferably 0; R¹, when present, is -CO₂R^a, -X¹-SO₂R^a, or C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^m, -OC(O)NHR^m, -OC(O)N(R^m)₂, -SH, -SR^m, -S(O)R^m, -S(O)₂R^m, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^m, -S(O)₂N(R^m)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^m, -NR^mS(O)₂R^m, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^m, -C(O)N(R^m)₂, -C(O)R^m, -NHC(O)R^m, -NR^mC(O)R^m, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NH₂, -NR^mC(O)NHR^m,
20 -NHC(O)NHR^m, -NR^mC(O)N(R^m)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^m)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^m, -NHCO₂R^m, -NR^mCO₂R^m, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^m, -N(R^m)₂, -NR^mS(O)NH₂ and -NR^mS(O)₂NHR^m, wherein each R^m is independently an unsubstituted C_{1-6} alkyl; R^{2b} and R^{2e} are each hydrogen; R^{2a} is halogen, -NR^cR^d, or -R^e; R^{2d} is selected from -SR^c, -O-X²-OR^c, -X²-OR^c, -R^e, -OR^c, -NR^cR^d, -NR^cS(O)₂R^e and -NR^dC(O)R^c; R^{3b} is halogen; and R^{3a} and R^{3c} are each
25 independently selected from halogen, -NR^fR^g, -SR^f, -CO₂R^f, -Y and -R^h, wherein R^h is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl and C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, wherein the aliphatic portions are optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o,
30 -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o. Further preferred within this group of embodiments are those compounds in which (a) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is C_{1-6}

alkyl, optionally further substituted with from one to three members selected from the group consisting of -OH, -OR^o, -OC(O)NHR^o, -OC(O)N(R^o)₂, -SH, -SR^o, -S(O)R^o, -S(O)₂R^o, -SO₂NH₂, -S(O)₂NHR^o, -S(O)₂N(R^o)₂, -NHS(O)₂R^o, -NR^oS(O)₂R^o, -C(O)NH₂, -C(O)NHR^o, -C(O)N(R^o)₂, -C(O)R^o, -NHC(O)R^o, -NR^oC(O)R^o, -NHC(O)NH₂, -NR^oC(O)NH₂,
5 -NR^oC(O)NHR^o, -NHC(O)NHR^o, -NR^oC(O)N(R^o)₂, -NHC(O)N(R^o)₂, -CO₂H, -CO₂R^o, -NHCO₂R^o, -NR^oCO₂R^o, -CN, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHR^o, -N(R^o)₂, -NR^oS(O)NH₂ and -NR^oS(O)₂NHR^o; (b) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is -NR^fR^g; (c) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is Y, wherein when Y is phenyl, the phenyl group is substituted; or (d) at least one of R^{3a} and R^{3c} is
10 is Y, wherein Y is an unsubstituted or substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl group. Any substituents not particularly set forth are meant to have their most complete meaning with reference to formula III. Additionally, all compounds are meant to include their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, as well as any N-oxides thereof.

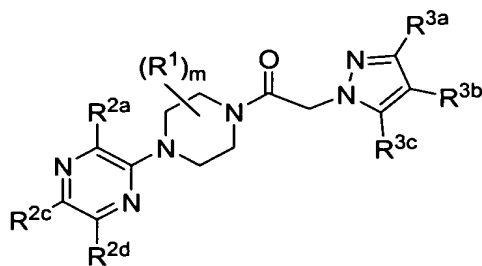
[0066] In yet another group of preferred embodiments, the compounds are selected from formulae IVa-IVe:



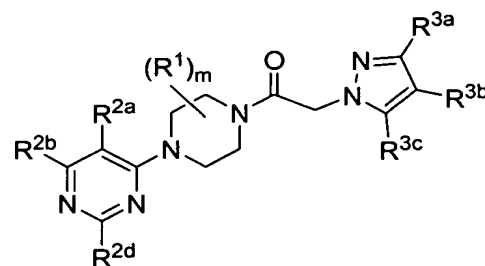
IVa



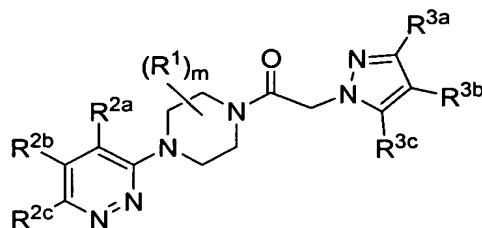
IVb



IVc



IVd



IVe

- wherein R^1 and the subscript m have the meaning provided above for formula III, and each of
- 5 R^{2a} , R^{2b} , R^{2c} and R^{2d} are substituents independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, $-OR^c$, $-OC(O)R^c$, $-NR^cR^d$, $-SR^c$, $-R^e$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-CO_2R^c$, $-CONR^cR^d$, $-C(O)R^c$, $-OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-NR^dC(O)_2R^e$, $-NR^c-C(O)NR^cR^d$, $-NH-C(NH_2)=NH$, $-NR^cC(NH_2)=NH$, $-NH-C(NH_2)=NR^e$, $-NH-C(NHR^e)=NH$, $-S(O)R^e$, $-S(O)_2R^e$, $-S(O)_2NR^cR^d$, $-NR^cS(O)_2R^e$, $-NR^cS(O)_2NR^cR^d$, $-N_3$, $-X^2OR^c$, $-X^2OC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2SR^c$, $-X^2CN$, $-X^2NO_2$,
- 10 $-X^2CO_2R^c$, $-X^2CONR^cR^d$, $-X^2C(O)R^c$, $-X^2OC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)R^c$, $-X^2NR^dC(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2NR^cC(O)NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NH-C(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^2NR^cC(NH_2)=NH$, $-X^2NH-C(NH_2)=NR^e$, $-X^2NH-C(NHR^e)=NH$, $-X^2S(O)R^e$, $-X^2S(O)_2R^e$, $-X^2S(O)_2NR^cR^d$, $-X^2NR^cS(O)_2R^e$, $-X^1N_3$, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein X^2 , R^c , R^d and R^e have the meanings provided above with respect to the compounds of formula I. Similarly, each of R^{3a} , R^{3b} and R^{3c} represents a substituent
- 15 independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyridyl,

pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridizinyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, -OR^f, -OC(O)R^f, -NR^fR^g, -SR^f, -R^h, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R^f, -CONR^fR^g, -C(O)R^f, -OC(O)NR^fR^g, -NR^gC(O)R^f, -NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -S(O)R^h, -

5 S(O)₂R^h, -S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -NR^fS(O)₂R^h, -NR^fS(O)₂NR^fR^g, -N₃, -X³OR^f, -X³OC(O)R^f, -X³NR^fR^g, -X³SR^f, -X³CN, -X³NO₂, -X³CO₂R^f, -X³CONR^fR^g, -X³C(O)R^f, -X³OC(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NR^gC(O)R^f, -X³NR^gC(O)₂R^h, -X³NR^f-C(O)NR^fR^g, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -X³NR^hC(NH₂)=NH, -X³NH-C(NH₂)=NR^h, -X³NH-C(NHR^h)=NH, -X³S(O)R^h, -X³S(O)₂R^h, -X³S(O)₂NR^fR^g, -X³NR^fS(O)₂R^h and -X³N₃ wherein X³, R^f, R^g and R^h have the meaning

10 provided above with respect to the compounds of formula I, and wherein no more than two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are hydrogen, preferably, no more than one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is hydrogen, and still more preferably, each of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is other than hydrogen.

[0067] Turning first to the compounds of formula IVa, in one group of particularly preferred embodiments, at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl. Still more preferably, at least one of R^{2b} and R^{2d} is hydrogen and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl. In related, and preferred embodiments, R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen.

20 [0068] Similarly, certain compounds of formula IVb are preferred. Particularly preferred are those compounds of formula IVb in which at least one of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} is selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl. Still more preferably, at least one of R^{2b} and R^{2d} is hydrogen and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl. In related, and preferred embodiments, R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen.

30 [0069] Turning next to the compounds of formula IVc, preferred embodiments are those in which at least one of R^{2a}, R^{2c} and R^{2d}, preferably R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃; and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen. In other preferred embodiments, one of R^{2c} and R^{2d} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and the other is an aryl or heteroaryl group, for example, phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and isothiazolyl, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b}

and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen.

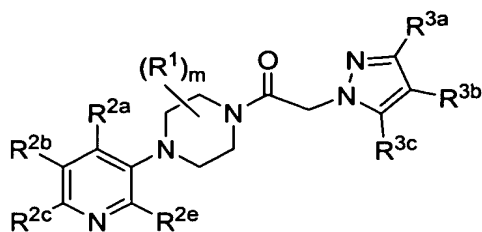
[0070] For the compounds of formula IVd, preferred embodiments are those in which at least one of R^{2a}, R^{2b} and R^{2d} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and

5 S(O)₂CH₃, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen. In other preferred embodiments, one of R^{2b} and R^{2d} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and the other is an aryl or heteroaryl group, for example, phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and isothiazolyl, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from
10 halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen.

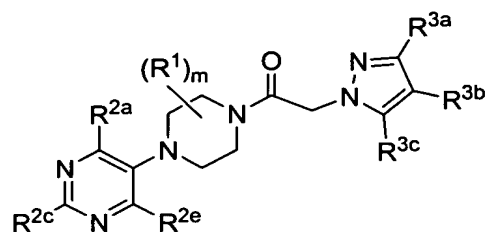
[0071] For the compounds of formula IVe, preferred embodiments are those in which at least one of R^{2a}, R^{2b} and R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and

15 S(O)₂CH₃, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen. In other preferred embodiments, one of R^{2b} and R^{2c} is selected from F, Cl, Br, CN, NO₂, CO₂CH₃, C(O)CH₃ and S(O)₂CH₃, and the other is an aryl or heteroaryl group, for example, phenyl, thienyl, furanyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl and isothiazolyl, and at least two of R^{3a}, R^{3b} and R^{3c} are selected from halogen and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl with the remaining member being other than hydrogen.

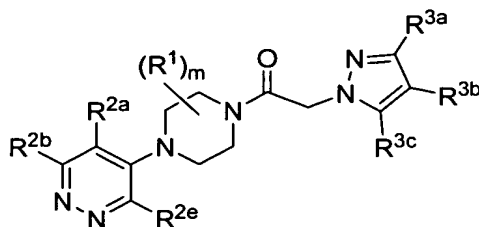
[0072] In yet another group of preferred embodiments, the compounds are selected from formulae IVf-IVi:



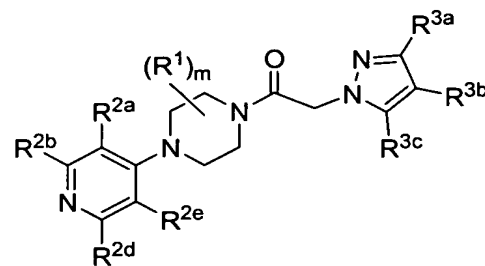
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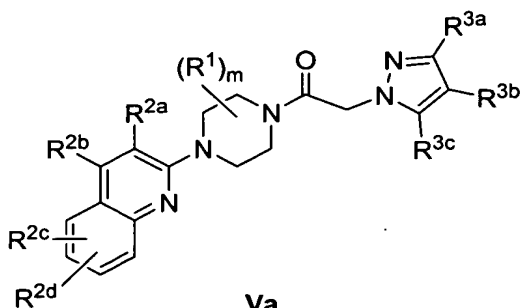
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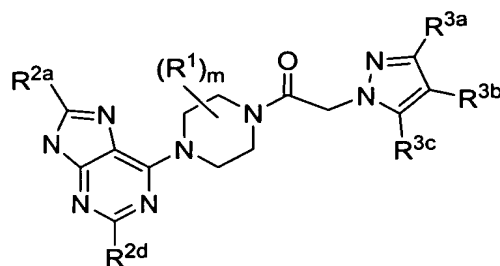
IVi

wherein R^1 and the subscript m have the meaning provided above for formula III, and each of R^{2a} , R^{2b} , R^{2c} , R^{2d} , R^{3a} , R^{3b} and R^{3c} have the meaning provided above for formulae IVa-IVe. Additionally, R^{2e} represents a substituent selected from the groups provided for R^{2a} in formulae IVa-IVe above.

[0073] In still other embodiments, compounds are provided having formulae Va and Vb:



Va



Vb

wherein each of R^1 , the subscript m , R^{2a} , R^{2b} , R^{2c} , R^{2d} , R^{3a} , R^{3b} and R^{3c} have the meaning provided above for formulae IVa-IVe.

Preparation of Compounds

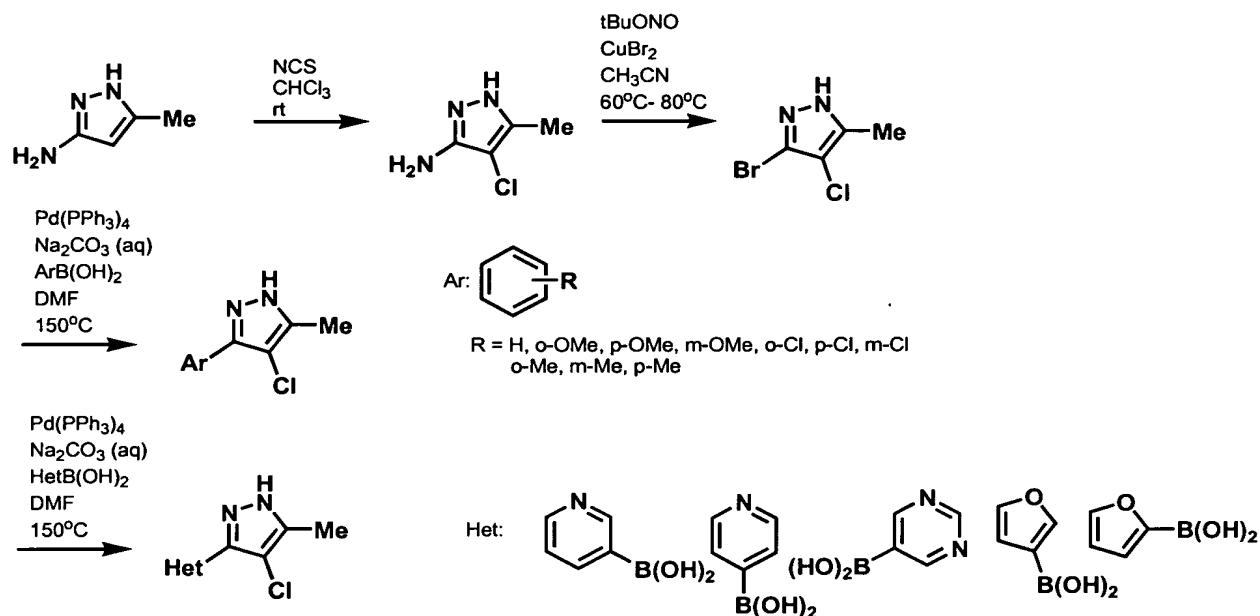
[0074] As provided in the examples below, the compounds of the present invention can be prepared by one of skill in the art in a component assembly manner. A number of compounds are prepared beginning with preparation of a suitably substituted pyrazole (or

other HAr component). Schemes Ia - Ik illustrate a variety of methods for the preparation of substituted pyrazoles. In each of these schemes, non-interfering substituents are provided as -R, -R^w, -R^x, -R^y and R^z.

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Scheme 1a

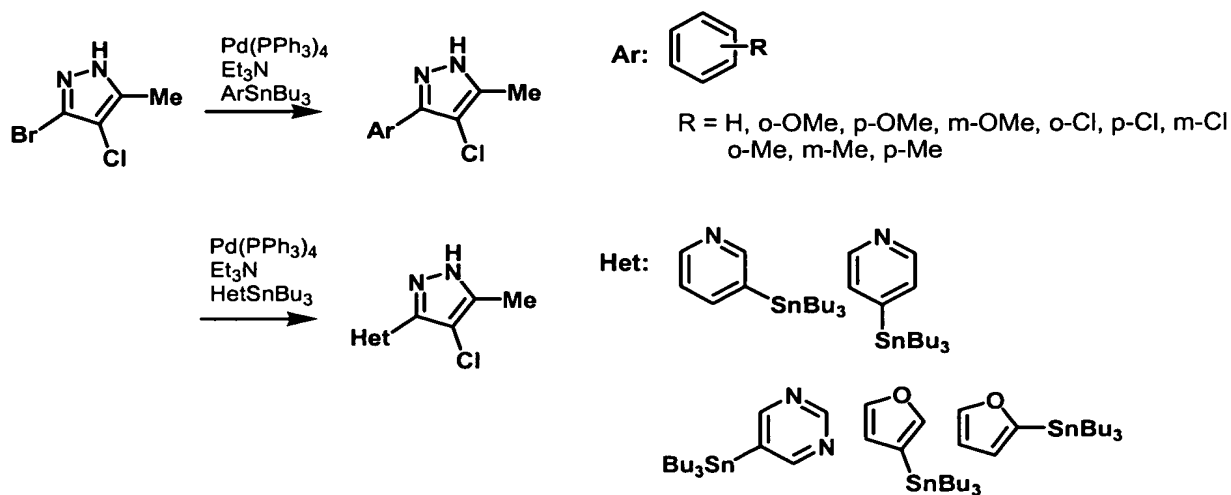
Arylpyrazoles via Suzuki Coupling:



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Scheme 1b

Arylpyrazoles via Stille Coupling:



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Arylpyrazoles via Negishi Cross-Coupling reactions:



Arylpyrazoles via Kumada-Tamao-Corriu Cross-Coupling reactions:

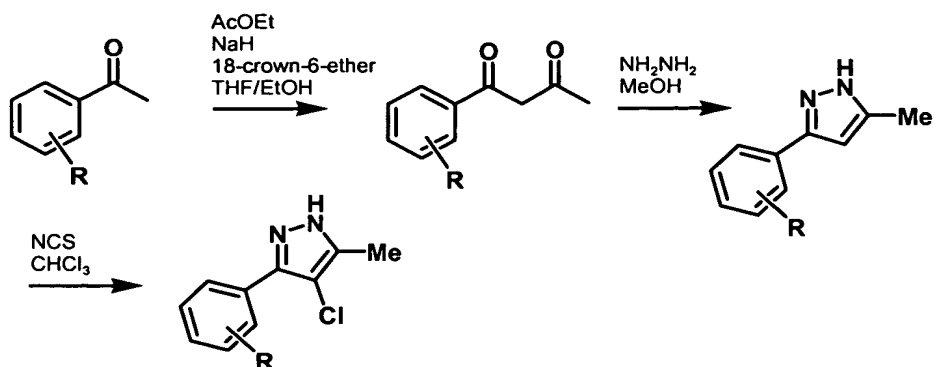


Substituted pyrazoles via Buchwald Chemistry:



Scheme 1f

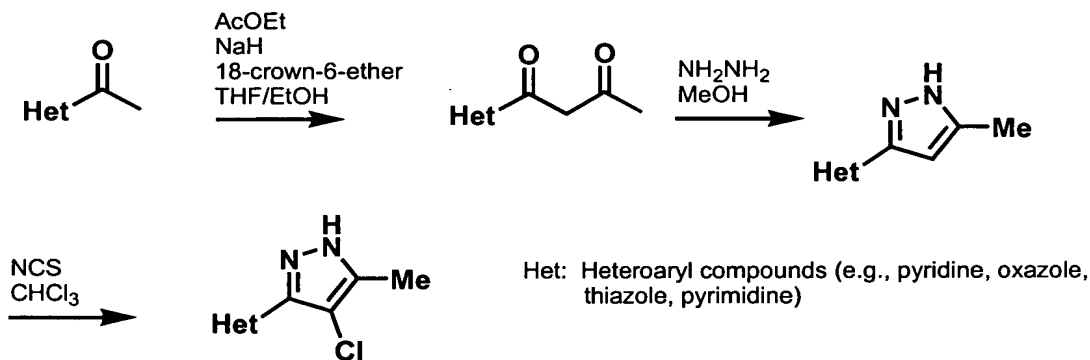
Arylpyrazoles by condensation of 1,3-diketones with hydrazines:



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Scheme 1g

Heteroarylpyrazoles by condensation of 1,3-diketones with hydrazines:

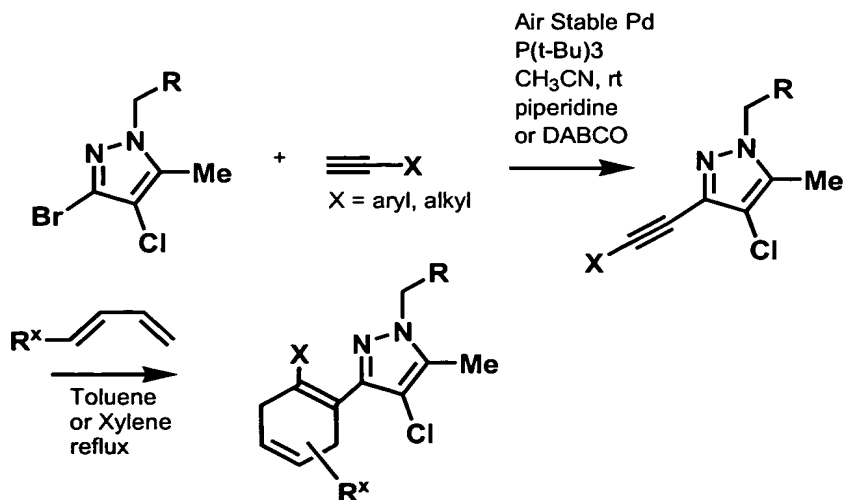


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Scheme 1h

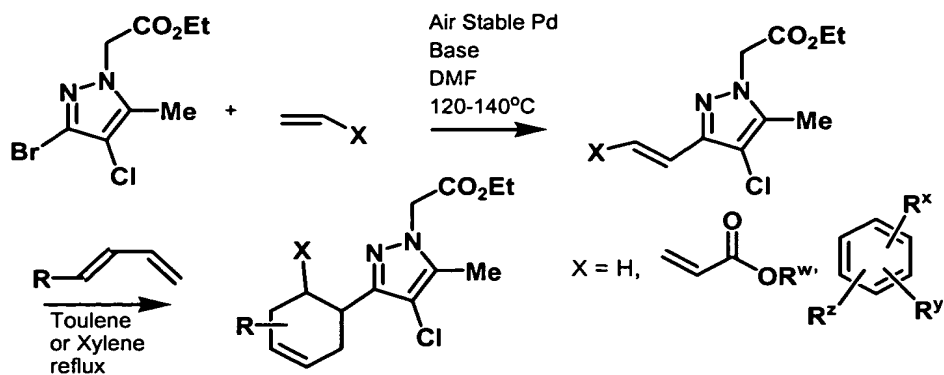
Substituted pyrazoles via Sonogashira Coupling followed by Diels-Alder reaction on the exocyclic triple bond:

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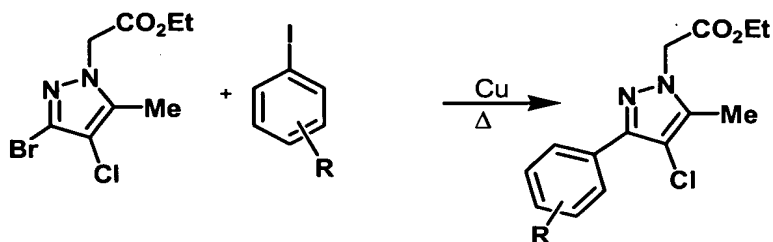
Scheme 1i

Substituted pyrazoles via Heck coupling followed by Diels-Alder reaction on the exocyclic double bond:



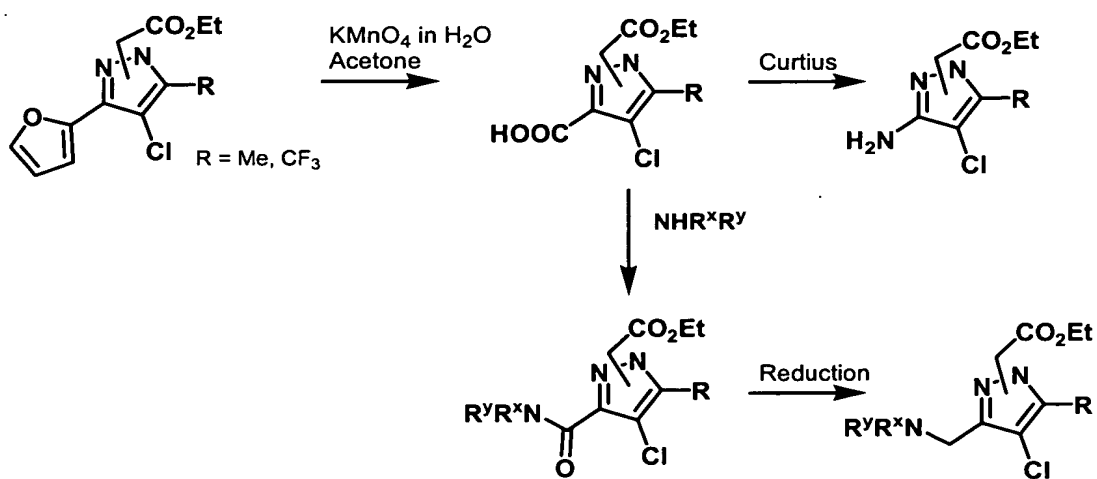
Scheme 1j

Substituted arylpyrazoles via Ullmann coupling:



Scheme 1k

Substituted aminopyrazoles via Curtius rearrangement and reductive amination:



IV. Pharmaceutical Compositions

[0075] In addition to the compounds provided above, compositions for modulating CCR1
5 activity in humans and animals will typically contain a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.

[0076] The term "composition" as used herein is intended to encompass a product
comprising the specified ingredients in the specified amounts, as well as any product which
results, directly or indirectly, from combination of the specified ingredients in the specified
amounts. By "pharmaceutically acceptable" it is meant the carrier, diluent or excipient must
10 be compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not deleterious to the
recipient thereof.

[0077] The pharmaceutical compositions for the administration of the compounds of this
invention may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any of
the methods well known in the art of pharmacy and drug delivery. All methods include the
15 step of bringing the active ingredient into association with the carrier which constitutes one or
more accessory ingredients. In general, the pharmaceutical compositions are prepared by
uniformly and intimately bringing the active ingredient into association with a liquid carrier
or a finely divided solid carrier or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product into the
desired formulation. In the pharmaceutical composition the active object compound is
20 included in an amount sufficient to produce the desired effect upon the process or condition
of diseases.

[0078] The pharmaceutical compositions containing the active ingredient may be in a form
suitable for oral use, for example, as tablets, troches, lozenges, aqueous or oily suspensions,
dispersible powders or granules, emulsions and self emulsifications as described in U.S.
25 Patent Application 20020012680, hard or soft capsules, syrups, elixirs, solutions, buccal
patch, oral gel, chewing gum, chewable tablets, effervescent powder and effervescent tablets.
Compositions intended for oral use may be prepared according to any method known to the
art for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such compositions may contain
one or more agents selected from the group consisting of sweetening agents, flavoring agents,
30 coloring agents, antioxidants and preserving agents in order to provide pharmaceutically
elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets contain the active ingredient in admixture with
non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients which are suitable for the manufacture of

tablets. These excipients may be for example, inert diluents, such as cellulose, silicon dioxide, aluminum oxide, calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, glucose, mannitol, sorbitol, lactose, calcium phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, corn starch, or alginic acid; binding agents, for example PVP, cellulose, PEG, starch, gelatin or acacia, and lubricating agents, for example magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets may be uncoated or they may be coated, enterically or otherwise, by known techniques to delay disintegration and absorption in the gastrointestinal tract and thereby provide a sustained action over a longer period. For example, a time delay material such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate may be employed. They may also be coated by the techniques described in the U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,256,108; 4,166,452; and 4,265,874 to form osmotic therapeutic tablets for control release.

[0079] Formulations for oral use may also be presented as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, for example peanut oil, liquid paraffin, or olive oil. Additionally, emulsions can be prepared with a non-water miscible ingredient such as oils and stabilized with surfactants such as mono-diglycerides, PEG esters and the like.

[0080] Aqueous suspensions contain the active materials in admixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of aqueous suspensions. Such excipients are suspending agents, for example sodium carboxymethylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, sodium alginate, polyvinyl-pyrrolidone, gum tragacanth and gum acacia; dispersing or wetting agents may be a naturally-occurring phosphatide, for example lecithin, or condensation products of an alkylene oxide with fatty acids, for example polyoxyethylene stearate, or condensation products of ethylene oxide with long chain aliphatic alcohols, for example heptadecaethyleneoxycetanol, or condensation products of ethylene oxide with partial esters derived from fatty acids and a hexitol such as polyoxyethylene sorbitol monooleate, or condensation products of ethylene oxide with partial esters derived from fatty acids and hexitol anhydrides, for example polyethylene sorbitan monooleate. The aqueous suspensions may also contain one or more preservatives, for example ethyl, or n-propyl, p-hydroxybenzoate, one or more coloring agents, one or more flavoring agents, and one or more sweetening agents, such as sucrose or saccharin.

[0081] Oily suspensions may be formulated by suspending the active ingredient in a vegetable oil, for example arachis oil, olive oil, sesame oil or coconut oil, or in a mineral oil such as liquid paraffin. The oily suspensions may contain a thickening agent, for example beeswax, hard paraffin or cetyl alcohol. Sweetening agents such as those set forth above, and
5 flavoring agents may be added to provide a palatable oral preparation. These compositions may be preserved by the addition of an anti-oxidant such as ascorbic acid.

[0082] Dispersible powders and granules suitable for preparation of an aqueous suspension by the addition of water provide the active ingredient in admixture with a dispersing or wetting agent, suspending agent and one or more preservatives. Suitable dispersing or
10 wetting agents and suspending agents are exemplified by those already mentioned above. Additional excipients, for example sweetening, flavoring and coloring agents, may also be present.

[0083] The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may also be in the form of oil-in-water emulsions. The oily phase may be a vegetable oil, for example olive oil or arachis oil,
15 or a mineral oil, for example liquid paraffin or mixtures of these. Suitable emulsifying agents may be naturally-occurring gums, for example gum acacia or gum tragacanth, naturally-occurring phosphatides, for example soy bean, lecithin, and esters or partial esters derived from fatty acids and hexitol anhydrides, for example sorbitan monooleate, and condensation products of the said partial esters with ethylene oxide, for example polyoxyethylene sorbitan
20 monooleate. The emulsions may also contain sweetening and flavoring agents.

[0084] Syrups and elixirs may be formulated with sweetening agents, for example glycerol, propylene glycol, sorbitol or sucrose. Such formulations may also contain a demulcent, a preservative and flavoring and coloring agents. Oral solutions can be prepared in combination with, for example, cyclodextrin, PEG and surfactants.

[0085] The pharmaceutical compositions may be in the form of a sterile injectable aqueous or oleagenous suspension. This suspension may be formulated according to the known art using those suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents which have been mentioned above. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a non-toxic parenterally-acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a
30 solution in 1,3-butane diol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this

purpose any bland fixed oil may be employed including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, fatty acids such as oleic acid find use in the preparation of injectables.

[0086] The compounds of the present invention may also be administered in the form of suppositories for rectal administration of the drug. These compositions can be prepared by mixing the drug with a suitable non-irritating excipient which is solid at ordinary temperatures but liquid at the rectal temperature and will therefore melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials include cocoa butter and polyethylene glycols.

Additionally, the compounds can be administered via ocular delivery by means of solutions or ointments. Still further, transdermal delivery of the subject compounds can be accomplished by means of iontophoretic patches and the like. For topical use, creams, ointments, jellies, solutions or suspensions, etc., containing the compounds of the present invention are employed. As used herein, topical application is also meant to include the use of mouth washes and gargles.

V. Methods of Treating Diseases Modulated by CCR1

[0087] In yet another aspect, the present invention provides methods of treating CCR1-mediated conditions or diseases by administering to a subject having such a disease or condition, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I above. The “subject” is defined herein to include animals such as mammals, including, but not limited to, primates (e.g., humans), cows, sheep, goats, horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, rats, mice and the like.

[0088] CCR1 provides a target for interfering with or promoting specific aspects of immune cell functions, or more generally, with functions associated with CCR1 expression on a wide range of cell types in a mammal, such as a human. Compounds that inhibit CCR1, are particularly useful for modulating monocyte, macrophage, lymphocyte, granulocyte, NK cell, mast cells, dendritic cell, and certain immune derived cell (for example, osteoclasts) function for therapeutic purposes. Accordingly, the present invention is directed to compounds which are useful in the prevention and/or treatment of a wide variety of inflammatory and immunoregulatory disorders and diseases (see Saeki, et al., *Current Pharmaceutical Design* 9:1201-1208 (2003)).

[0089] For example, an instant compound that inhibits one or more functions of CCR1 may be administered to inhibit (i.e., reduce or prevent) inflammation or cellular infiltration associated with an immune disorder. As a result, one or more inflammatory processes, such as leukocyte emigration or infiltration, chemotaxis, exocytosis (e.g., of enzymes, histamine) or inflammatory mediator release, can be inhibited. For example, monocyte infiltration to an inflammatory site (e.g., an affected joint in arthritis, or into the CNS in MS) can be inhibited according to the present method.

[0090] Similarly, an instant compound that promotes one or more functions of CCR1 is administered to stimulate (induce or enhance) an inflammatory response, such as leukocyte emigration, chemotaxis, exocytosis (e.g., of enzymes, histamine) or inflammatory mediator release, resulting in the beneficial stimulation of inflammatory processes. For example, monocytes can be recruited to combat bacterial infections.

[0091] Diseases and conditions associated with inflammation, immune disorders and infection can be treated using the method of the present invention. In a preferred embodiment, the disease or condition is one in which the actions of immune cells such as monocyte, macrophage, lymphocyte, granulocyte, NK cell, mast cell, dendritic cell, or certain immune derived cell (for example, osteoclasts) are to be inhibited or promoted, in order to modulate the inflammatory or autoimmune response.

[0092] In one group of embodiments, diseases or conditions, including chronic diseases, of humans or other species can be treated with modulators of CCR1 function. These diseases or conditions include: (1) allergic diseases such as systemic anaphylaxis or hypersensitivity responses, drug allergies, insect sting allergies and food allergies, (2) inflammatory bowel diseases, such as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, ileitis and enteritis, (3) vaginitis, (4) psoriasis and inflammatory dermatoses such as dermatitis, eczema, atopic dermatitis, allergic contact dermatitis, urticaria and pruritus, (5) vasculitis, (6) spondyloarthropathies, (7) scleroderma, (8) asthma and respiratory allergic diseases such as allergic asthma, allergic rhinitis, hypersensitivity lung diseases and the like, (9) autoimmune diseases, such as fibromyalgia, scleroderma, ankylosing spondylitis, juvenile RA, Still's disease, polyarticular juvenile RA, pauciarticular juvenile RA, polymyalgia rheumatica, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, osteoarthritis, polyarticular arthritis, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, type I diabetes, type II diabetes, glomerulonephritis, and the like, (10) graft rejection (including allograft rejection and graft-v-host disease), and (11) other diseases in

which undesired inflammatory responses or immune disorders are to be inhibited, such as cardiovascular disease including atherosclerosis, myositis, neurodegenerative diseases (*e.g.*, Alzheimer's disease), encephalitis, meningitis, hepatitis, nephritis, sepsis, sarcoidosis, allergic conjunctivitis, otitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, sinusitis, Behcet's syndrome and
5 gout and (12) immune mediated food allergies such as Celiac disease.

[0093] In another group of embodiments, diseases or conditions can be treated with modulators of CCR1 function. Examples of diseases to be treated with modulators of CCR1 function include cancers, cardiovascular diseases, diseases in which angiogenesis or neovascularization play a role (neoplastic diseases, retinopathy and macular degeneration),
10 infectious diseases (viral infections, *e.g.*, HIV infection, and bacterial infections) and immunosuppressive diseases such as organ transplant conditions and skin transplant conditions. The term "organ transplant conditions" is meant to include bone marrow transplant conditions and solid organ (*e.g.*, kidney, liver, lung, heart, pancreas or combination thereof) transplant conditions.

15 [0094] The compounds of the present invention are accordingly useful in the prevention and treatment of a wide variety of inflammatory and immunoregulatory disorders and diseases.

[0095] Depending on the disease to be treated and the subject's condition, the compounds of the present invention may be administered by oral, parenteral (*e.g.*, intramuscular,
20 intraperitoneal, intravenous, ICV, intracisternal injection or infusion, subcutaneous injection, or implant), by inhalation spray, nasal, vaginal, rectal, sublingual, or topical routes of administration and may be formulated, alone or together, in suitable dosage unit formulations containing conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants and vehicles appropriate for each route of administration.

25 [0096] In the treatment or prevention of conditions which require chemokine receptor modulation an appropriate dosage level will generally be about 0.001 to 100 mg per kg patient body weight per day which can be administered in single or multiple doses. Preferably, the dosage level will be about 0.01 to about 25 mg/kg per day; more preferably about 0.05 to about 10 mg/kg per day. A suitable dosage level may be about 0.01 to 25
30 mg/kg per day, about 0.05 to 10 mg/kg per day, or about 0.1 to 5 mg/kg per day. Within this range the dosage may be 0.005 to 0.05, 0.05 to 0.5 or 0.5 to 5.0 mg/kg per day. For oral administration, the compositions are preferably provided in the form of tablets containing 1.0

to 1000 milligrams of the active ingredient, particularly 1.0, 5.0, 10.0, 15.0, 20.0, 25.0, 50.0, 75.0, 100.0, 150.0, 200.0, 250.0, 300.0, 400.0, 500.0, 600.0, 750.0, 800.0, 900.0, and 1000.0 milligrams of the active ingredient for the symptomatic adjustment of the dosage to the patient to be treated. The compounds may be administered on a regimen of 1 to 4 times per day, preferably once or twice per day.

[0097] It will be understood, however, that the specific dose level and frequency of dosage for any particular patient may be varied and will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the metabolic stability and length of action of that compound, the age, body weight, hereditary characteristics, general health, sex and diet of the subject, as well as the mode and time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and the severity of the particular condition for the subject undergoing therapy.

[0098] Diseases and conditions associated with inflammation, immune disorder, infection and cancer can be treated or prevented with the present compounds, compositions, and methods.

[0099] The compounds and compositions of the present invention can be combined with other compounds and compositions having related utilities to prevent and treat the condition or disease of interest, such as inflammatory or autoimmune disorders, conditions and diseases, including inflammatory bowel disease, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, psoriatic arthritis, polyarticular arthritis, multiple sclerosis, allergic diseases, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and asthma, and those pathologies noted above.

[0100] For example, in the treatment or prevention of inflammation or autoimmunity or for example arthritis associated bone loss, the present compounds and compositions may be used in conjunction with an anti-inflammatory or analgesic agent such as an opiate agonist, a lipoxigenase inhibitor, such as an inhibitor of 5-lipoxygenase, a cyclooxygenase inhibitor, such as a cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, an interleukin inhibitor, such as an interleukin-1 inhibitor, an NMDA antagonist, an inhibitor of nitric oxide or an inhibitor of the synthesis of nitric oxide, a non steroidal anti-inflammatory agent, or a cytokine-suppressing anti-inflammatory agent, for example with a compound such as acetaminophen, aspirin, codeine, fentanyl, ibuprofen, indomethacin, ketorolac, morphine, naproxen, phenacetin, piroxicam, a steroidal analgesic, sufentanyl, sunlindac, tenidap, and the like. Similarly, the instant compounds and compositions may be administered with an analgesic listed above; a potentiator such as caffeine, an H2 antagonist (*e.g.*, ranitidine), simethicone, aluminum or

magnesium hydroxide; a decongestant such as phenylephrine, phenylpropanolamine, pseudoephedrine, oxymetazoline, ephinephrine, naphazoline, xylometazoline, propylhexedrine, or levo desoxy ephedrine; an antitussive such as codeine, hydrocodone, caramiphen, carbetapentane, or dextromethorphan; a diuretic; and a sedating or non sedating antihistamine.

[0101] Likewise, compounds and compositions of the present invention may be used in combination with other drugs that are used in the treatment, prevention, suppression or amelioration of the diseases or conditions for which compounds and compositions of the present invention are useful. Such other drugs may be administered, by a route and in an amount commonly used therefor, contemporaneously or sequentially with a compound or composition of the present invention. When a compound or composition of the present invention is used contemporaneously with one or more other drugs, a pharmaceutical composition containing such other drugs in addition to the compound or composition of the present invention is preferred. Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include those that also contain one or more other active ingredients or therapeutic agents, in addition to a compound or composition of the present invention. Examples of other therapeutic agents that may be combined with a compound or composition of the present invention, either administered separately or in the same pharmaceutical compositions, include, but are not limited to: (a) VLA-4 antagonists, (b) corticosteroids, such as beclomethasone, methylprednisolone, betamethasone, prednisone, prenisolone, dexamethasone, fluticasone, hydrocortisone, budesonide, triamcinolone, salmeterol, salmeterol, salbutamol, formeterol; (c) immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine (cyclosporine A, Sandimmune®, Neoral®), tacrolimus (FK-506, Prograf®), rapamycin (sirolimus, Rapamune®) and other FK-506 type immunosuppressants, and mycophenolate, *e.g.*, mycophenolate mofetil (CellCept®); (d) antihistamines (H1-histamine antagonists) such as bromopheniramine, chlorpheniramine, dexchlorpheniramine, triprolidine, clemastine, diphenhydramine, diphenylpyraline, tripeleminamine, hydroxyzine, methdilazine, promethazine, trimetopazine, azatadine, cyproheptadine, antazoline, pheniramine pyrilamine, astemizole, terfenadine, loratadine, cetirizine, fexofenadine, descarboethoxyloratadine, and the like; (e) non steroidal anti asthmatics (*e.g.*, terbutaline, metaproterenol, fenoterol, isoetharine, albuterol, bitolterol and pirbuterol), theophylline, cromolyn sodium, atropine, ipratropium bromide, leukotriene antagonists (*e.g.*, zafirlukast, montelukast, pranlukast, iralukast, pobilukast and SKB-106,203), leukotriene biosynthesis inhibitors (zileuton,

BAY-1005); (f) non steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs) such as propionic acid derivatives (*e.g.*, alminoprofen, benoxaprofen, bucloxic acid, carprofen, fenbufen, fenoprofen, fluprofen, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indoprofen, ketoprofen, mrioprofen, naproxen, oxaprozin, pirprofen, pranoprofen, suprofen, tiaprofenic acid and tioxaprofen), acetic acid derivatives (*e.g.*, indomethacin, acemetacin, alclofenac, clidanac, diclofenac, fenclofenac, fenclozic acid, fentiazac, furofenac, ibufenac, isoxepac, oxpinac, sulindac, tiopinac, tolmetin, zidometacin and zomepirac), fenamic acid derivatives (*e.g.*, flufenamic acid, meclofenamic acid, mefenamic acid, niflumic acid and tolfenamic acid), biphenylcarboxylic acid derivatives (*e.g.*, diflunisal and flufenisal), oxicams (*e.g.*, isoxicam, piroxicam, sudoxicam and tenoxicam), salicylates (*e.g.*, acetyl salicylic acid and sulfasalazine) and the pyrazolones (*e.g.*, apazone, bezpiperylon, feprazone, mofebutazone, oxyphenbutazone and phenylbutazone); (g) cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors such as celecoxib (Celebrex®) and rofecoxib (Vioxx®); (h) inhibitors of phosphodiesterase type IV (PDE IV); (i) gold compounds such as auranofin and aurothioglucose, (j) etanercept (Enbrel®), (k) antibody therapies such as orthoclone (OKT3), daclizumab (Zenapax®), basiliximab (Simulect®) and infliximab (Remicade®), (l) other antagonists of the chemokine receptors, especially CCR5, CXCR2, CXCR3, CCR2, CCR3, CCR4, CCR7, CX₃CR1 and CXCR6; (m) lubricants or emollients such as petrolatum and lanolin, (n) keratolytic agents (*e.g.*, tazarotene), (o) vitamin D₃ derivatives, *e.g.*, calcipotriene or calcipotriol (Dovonex®), (p) PUVA, (q) anthralin (Drithrocreme®), (r) etretinate (Tegison®) and isotretinoin and (s) multiple sclerosis therapeutic agents such as interferon β -1 β (Betaseron®), interferon (β -1 α (Avonex®), azathioprine (Imurek®, Imuran®), glatiramer acetate (Capoxone®), a glucocorticoid (*e.g.*, prednisolone) and cyclophosphamide (t) DMARDS such as methotrexate (u) other compounds such as 5-aminosalicylic acid and prodrugs thereof; hydroxychloroquine; D-penicillamine; antimetabolites such as azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine and methotrexate; DNA synthesis inhibitors such as hydroxyurea and microtubule disrupters such as colchicine. The weight ratio of the compound of the present invention to the second active ingredient may be varied and will depend upon the effective dose of each ingredient. Generally, an effective dose of each will be used. Thus, for example, when a compound of the present invention is combined with an NSAID the weight ratio of the compound of the present invention to the NSAID will generally range from about 1000:1 to about 1:1000, preferably about 200:1 to about 1:200. Combinations of a compound of the present invention and other

active ingredients will generally also be within the aforementioned range, but in each case, an effective dose of each active ingredient should be used.

VI. EXAMPLES

5 [0102] The following examples are offered to illustrate, but not to limit the claimed invention.

[0103] Reagents and solvents used below can be obtained from commercial sources such as Aldrich Chemical Co. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA). ¹H-NMR were recorded on a Varian Mercury 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Significant peaks are provided relative to TMS and
10 are tabulated in the order: multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet) and number of protons. Mass spectrometry results are reported as the ratio of mass over charge, followed by the relative abundance of each ion (in parenthesis). In tables, a single m/e value is reported for the M+H (or, as noted, M-H) ion containing the most common atomic isotopes. Isotope patterns correspond to the expected formula in all cases.
15 Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometry analysis was conducted on a Hewlett-Packard MSD electrospray mass spectrometer using the HP1100 HPLC for sample delivery. Normally the analyte was dissolved in methanol at 0.1 mg/mL and 1 microlitre was infused with the delivery solvent into the mass spectrometer, which scanned from 100 to 1500 daltons. All compounds could be analyzed in the positive ESI mode, using acetonitrile /
20 water with 1% formic acid as the delivery solvent. The compounds provided below could also be analyzed in the negative ESI mode, using 2 mM NH₄OAc in acetonitrile / water as delivery system.

[0104] Compounds within the scope of this invention can be synthesized as described below, using a variety of reactions known to the skilled artisan. A sample of useful routes to
25 both the arylpiperazine subunits and to the heteroaromatic subunit are provided below. In the descriptions of the syntheses that follow, some of the arylpiperazine and pyrazole precursors were obtained from commercial sources. These commercial sources include Aldrich Chemical Co., Acros Organics, Ryan Scientific Incorporated, Oakwood Products Incorporated, Lancaster Chemicals, Sigma Chemical Co., Lancaster Chemical Co., TCI-
30 America, Alfa Aesar, Davos Chemicals, and GFS Chemicals. Some examples of these commercially available compounds are shown in the Figures 4A-4C. Also, standard

chemistries have been employed to link the arylpiperazine and heteroaromatic subunits (whether commercially obtained or prepared by the methods below) using a suitably optimized linker, such as the acetyl unit described in the body of this invention.

[0105] One skilled in the art will also recognize that alternative methods may be employed to synthesize the target compounds of this invention, and that the approaches described within the body of this document are not exhaustive, but do provide broadly applicable and practical routes to compounds of interest.

[0106] Certain molecules claimed in this patent can exist in different enantiomeric and diastereomeric forms and all such variants of these compounds are claimed.

[0107] Regioisomerism is a common property in organic chemistry, and is especially common with regards to certain structural types provided herein. Those skilled in the art will recognize, with respect to the compounds described herein, that the coupling reactions with the heteroaromatic ring systems can lead to either one of or a mixture of detectable regioisomers.

[0108] The detailed description of the experimental procedures used to synthesize key compounds in this text lead to molecules that are described by the physical data identifying them as well as by the structural depictions associated with them.

[0109] Two regioisomers can sometimes exist for certain compounds of the invention. For example, compounds such as those of formula III can be prepared wherein the pyrazole moiety is linked to the remainder of the molecule via either of the nitrogen atoms in the pyrazole ring. In these cases, both regioisomeric types have demonstrated biological properties and are meant to be within the scope of all the appended claims, whether explicitly drawn or not.

[0110] Those skilled in the art will also recognize that during standard work up procedures in organic chemistry, acids and bases are frequently used. Salts of the parent compounds are sometimes produced, if they possess the necessary intrinsic acidity or basicity, during the experimental procedures described within this patent.

EXAMPLE 1

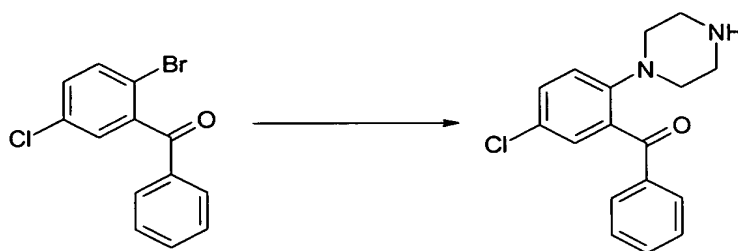
[0111] The piperazine ring can be formally attached to the terminal aryl unit in a number of ways: by aromatic nucleophilic displacement reactions, metal catalyzed coupling reactions

(arylation reactions of secondary amines), ring expansion, rearrangement and cyclization reactions and the like. Also, different protection / deprotection strategies can be utilized. Hence, either all or only part of the final molecular architecture can be present during the key aryl coupling step. Examples for a variety of such aryl coupling strategies are listed below.

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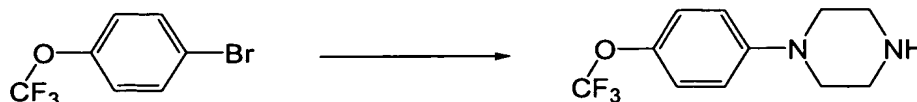
PROTOCOL A: Metal catalysed arylation reactions of secondary amines

Synthesis of (5-Chloro-2-piperazin-1-yl-phenyl)-phenyl-methanone



- 10 **[0112]** Piperazine (3.6 g, 42.5 mmol), Pd(II)acetate (0.007 g, 0.043 mmol), sodium t-butoxide (0.22 g, 2.4mmol) and BINAP (0.042 g, 0.068 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in 10 mL dry toluene for 15 min. (2-Bromo-5-chloro-phenyl)-phenyl-methanone (0.5 g, 1.7 mmol) in 10 mL dry toluene was then added into the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 20 hrs, filtered through a celite bed, washed with
- 15 toluene, concentrated, taken in ethyl acetate and extracted with 1.5 (N) HCl solution three times. The combined aqueous layers were washed with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. Purification by flash
- 20 chromatography (eluted with CHCl₃-MeOH) afforded the title compound as product.

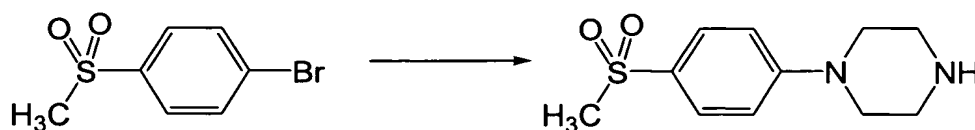
Synthesis of 1-(4-Trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-piperazine



- 25 **[0113]** Piperazine (0.588 g, 6.84mmol), Pd(II)acetate (0.027 g, 0.123 mmol), sodium t-butoxide (0.837 g, 10.06 mmol) and BINAP (0.154 g, 0.286 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in 10 mL dry toluene for 15 min. 4-trifluoromethoxy bromo benzene (1.5 g, 6.22 mmol) in 10 mL dry toluene was added into the reaction mixture. Then the reaction

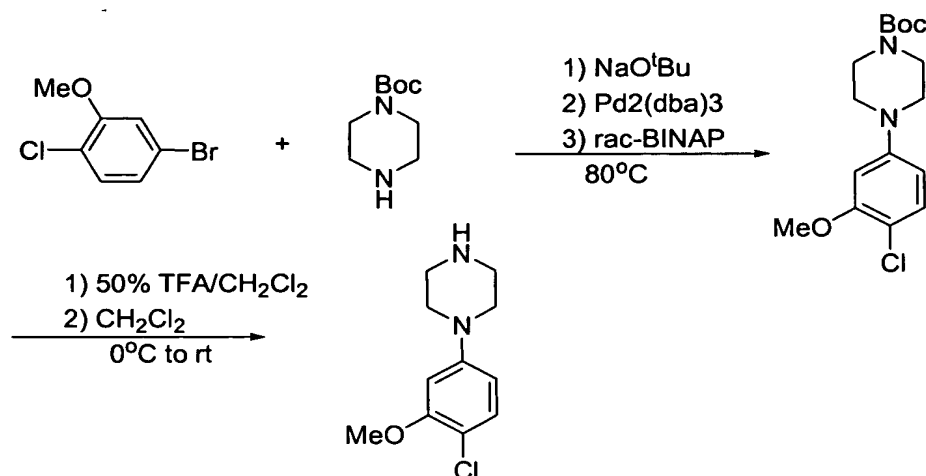
mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 20 hrs. The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed, washed with toluene, concentrated, ethyl acetate added and then extracted with 1.5 (N) aqueous HCl solution three times. The combined aqueous layers were washed with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to afford the product.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-piperazine



[0114] Piperazine (0.98 g, 11.5 mmol), Pd(II)acetate (0.017 g), sodium t-butoxide (0.37 g, 4.2 mmol) and BINAP (0.049 g) were stirred at room temperature in 10 mL dry toluene for 15 min. 1-Bromo-4-methanesulfonyl-benzene (0.9 g, 3.8 mmol) in 10 mL dry toluene was added into the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 20 hrs. The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and washed with toluene. The toluene was concentrated and the reaction mixture was taken in ethyl acetate and extracted with 1.5 (N) HCl solution three times. The combined aqueous layers were washed with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, concentrated and chromatographed (9/1-CHCl₃/MeOH) to afford the product.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine

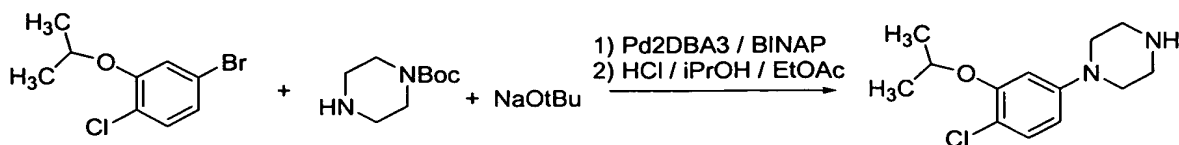


[0115] An oven dried glass vial was charged with 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole (1.0 mmol), N-Bocpiperazine (1.2 mmol), NaOtBu (1.4 mmol), tris(dibenzylideneacetone)-dipalladium(0) {Pd₂dba₃} (0.0025 mmol, 0.5 mol %) and BINAP (0.0075 mmol), and the vial was then flushed with nitrogen and capped tightly. The mixture was heated to 80°C overnight and then cooled to room temperature, taken up in ether, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate to yield 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester.

[0116] This product (*ca.* 1 mmol) was dissolved in a methylene chloride (10 mL) and the reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C. To the reaction mixture was added TFA:CH₂Cl₂ (2:1)(50% overall) slowly and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. When TLC (1:1 Ethyl acetate: hexane) suggested total consumption of starting material, solvent was removed and the oil residue was taken in ethyl acetate (2 x 25 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried by MgSO₄ and solvent was removed to yield the title compound as a yellow oil, which solidified on standing. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.44-6.48 (d, 1H), 6.36-6.42 (dd, 1H), 4.8 (s, 2H), 6.62-3.8 (m, 4H), 3.46-3.6 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164, 158.2, 156.4, 148, 119.2, 117, 52.8, 52.2, 48.5, 46.2, 42, 40.4.

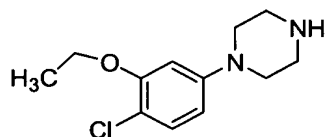
[0117] Similar approaches, using a key Buckwald coupling, were taken for the preparation of related phenylpiperazines, some examples of which are listed below.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-isopropoxy-phenyl)-piperazine



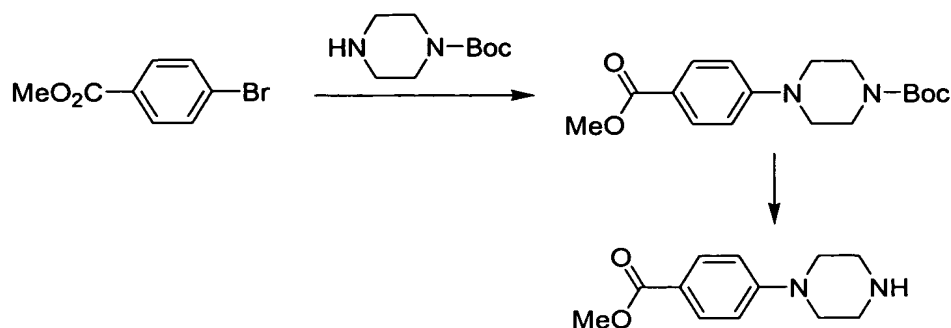
[0118] 1-Bromo-3-isopropoxy-4-chlorobenzene (preparation described elsewhere) was combined with 1.11 g (6 mmol) of 1-Bocpiperazine, 672 mg (7.0 mmol) of sodium tert-butoxide, 93 mg (0.15 mmol) of *rac*-2,2'-Bis(diphenylphosphine)-1,1'-binaphthyl, and 45 mg (0.05 mmol) Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (0) in a flask under an N₂ atmosphere, and the mixture was heated at 85°C for 3.5 hours. The resulting residue was partitioned between a 1/1 mixture of ether and ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ether/ethyl acetate phase was diluted with one volume of hexanes, washed twice with 0.5M pH = 7 phosphate buffer, and once each with 1M NaOH and brine. The final organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. The oil was dissolved in ethyl acetate, 10 mL each of 2M HCl in ether and methanol were added, and the product was isolated by filtration after crystallization. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) δ 7.23 (d, 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, 1H), 4.53 (m, 1H), 3.28 (m, 8H), 1.20 (d, 6H) ppm.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-ethoxy-phenyl)-piperazine



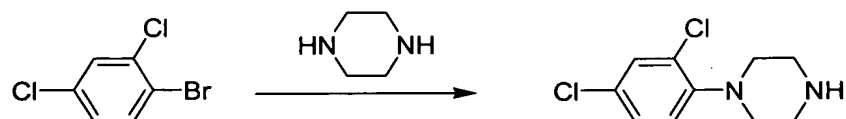
[0119] Title compound was obtained following the same procedure as that used to obtain 1-(4-Chloro-3-isopropoxy-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride, with the single modification of adding ethanol in place of isopropanol during the ether-forming reaction. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.22 (d, 1H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 6.54 (d, 1H), 4.03 (q, 2H), 3.29 (m, 8H), 1.25 (t, 3H) ppm.

Synthesis of 4-Piperazin-1-yl-benzoic acid methyl ester



[0120] BINAP (230 mg, 0.37 mmol), Pd(II)acetate (417 mg, 0.186 mmol), tBuONa (1.25 g, 13 mmol), N-boc piperazine (1.9 g, 10.2 mmol) and THF (40 mL) were mixed together and stirred at room temperature for 30 min under a nitrogen atmosphere. 4-bromomethyl benzoate (2 g, 9.3 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to the mixture drop wise and heated at 70°C for 14h. Excess THF was then evaporated and extracted with ethyl acetate. The crude product was obtained on concentration of the ethyl acetate layer after washing with brine and drying. Flash chromatography on silica gel done eluting with 8% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether yielded pure N-BOC protected product. This intermediate (650 mg, 2.01 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (20 mL) and then HCl saturated ether (7 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 hours and concentrated. The concentrate was washed with petroleum ether to obtain white solid compound, 4-Piperazin-1-yl-benzoic acid methyl ester.

Synthesis of 1-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperazine



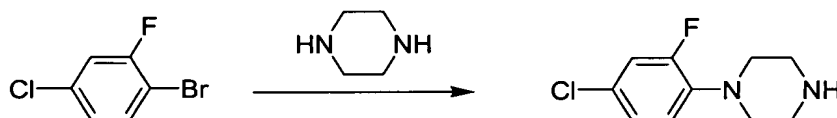
[0121] BINAP (219 mg), Pd(II)acetate (397 mg, 0.176 mmol), tBuONa (1.19 g, 12.3 mmol), piperazine (837 mg, 9.73 mmol) and THF (40 mL) were mixed together and stirred at room temperature for 30 min under nitrogen atmosphere. 2,4-dichlorobromobenzene (2 g, 8.84mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added to the mixture drop wise and heated at 70°C for 14h. Excess THF was then evaporated and extracted with ethyl acetate. The crude product was obtained on concentration of the ethyl acetate layer after washing with brine and drying. Flash chromatography on silica gel eluting with 2% MeOH in CHCl_3 gave 1-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperazine.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine



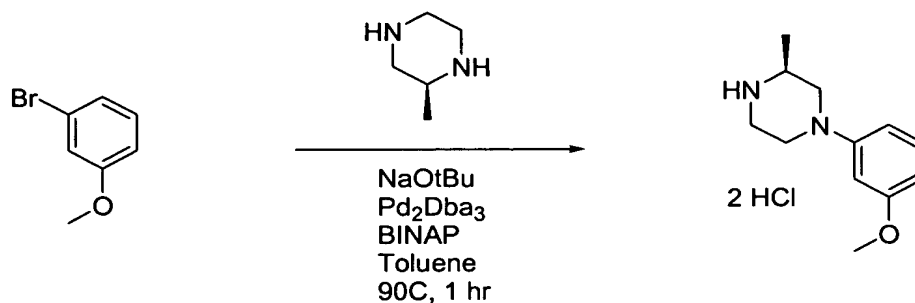
[0122] A single neck round bottom flask was charged with 1-chloro-4-iodo benzene (1.0 g, 0.0041 mol) and R(-)-2-methylpiperazine (0.5 g, 0.005 mol), potassium t-butoxide (0.705 g, 0.0062 mol), tris(benzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (0.095 g, 0.0002 mol) and 1,3 bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)imidazole-2-ylidene) (0.073 g, 0.0001 mol). The flask was evacuated and filled with nitrogen. Dry dioxane (20 mL) was added and stirred at 70 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and filtered. Crude compound was purified by column chromatography. The compound was dissolved in ether and purged with HCl gas to yield 1-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-methyl-piperazine.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-2-Fluorophenyl)-piperazine



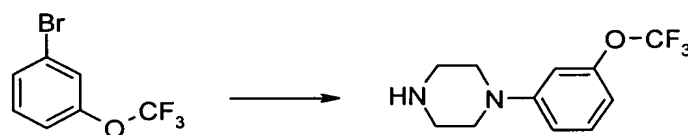
[0123] Piperazine (1.5 g, 17.8 mmol), Pd(II)acetate (0.032 g, 0.143 mmol), sodium t-butoxide (0.688 g, 10.06 mmol) and BINAP (0.18 g, 0.286 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in 10 mL dry toluene for 15 min. 1-bromo-4-chloro-2-fluorobenzene (1.5 g, 7.15 mmol) in 10 mL dry toluene was added into the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 20 hrs. The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and washed with toluene, then concentrated and the reaction mixture was taken into ethyl acetate and extracted with 1.5 (N) HCl solution three times. The combined aqueous layer was washed with diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated to afford the product as a white solid.

Synthesis of 1-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine:



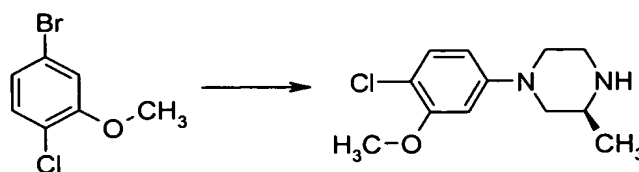
[0124] Combined 467 mg (2.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) of 3-bromoanisole, 300 mg (2.99 mmol, 1.2 eq) S-(+)-2-methylpiperazine, 336 mg NaOtBu (3.5 mmol, 1.4 eq), 50 mg BINAP (0.08 mmol, 0.03 eq), 27 mg Pd2Dba3 (0.03 mmol, 0.01 eq), and 500 μ L toluene in a 4 mL vial. The mixture was briefly agitated then placed in a 90C oil bath. LC/MS showed complete conversion in one hour. An excess of 2M HCl/Et2O was added to the reaction mixture, and the solid collected by vacuum filtration and dried down to get 700 mg of the dihydrochloride.

Synthesis of 1-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-piperazine:



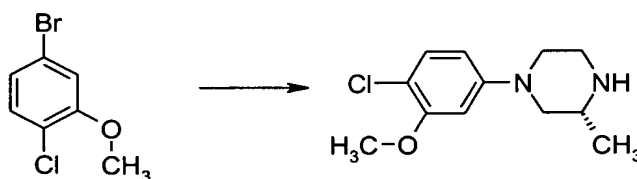
[0125] Following protocol A, 1-bromo-3-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene (1.0 g, 0.0042 mol), piperazine (5.4 g, 0.0632 mol), potassium tert-butoxide (0.72 g, 0.0076 mol), palladium acetate (0.94 g, 0.0002 mol) and Diisopropylimidazolium chloride (0.08 g, 0.0002 mol) in 5 mL of dry dioxane were heated at 100°C for 24 hours under argon. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, quenched with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the title compound.

1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine:



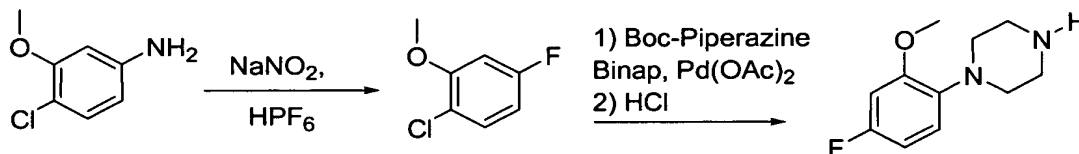
[0126] Following protocol A, 5-Bromo-2-chloroaniline (0.5 g, 0.0023 mol), (S)-(+)-2-methyl piperazine (0.35 g, 0.0035 mol), palladium acetate (0.026 g, 0.0001 mol), BINAP (0.14 g, 0.00023 mol) and sodium tert-butoxide (0.35 g, 0.0037 mol) in 5 mL of dry toluene were heated at 110 °C under argon atmosphere for 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with water, brine, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by column chromatography to give an oil.

1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine:



[0127] The title compound was prepared following protocol A, using (R)-(+)-2-methyl piperazine as the starting material. The product was isolated as a low-melting solid.

1-(4-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine:



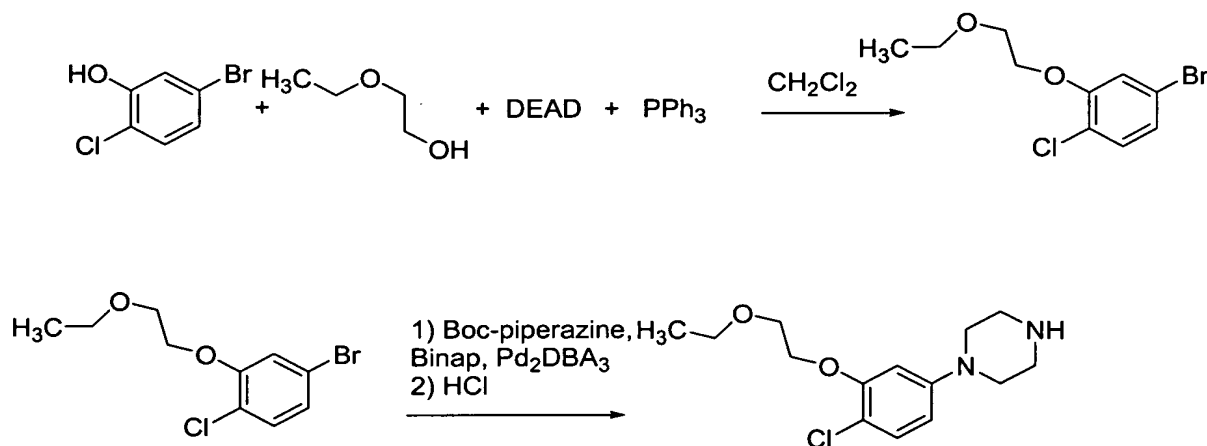
[0128] 4-Chloro-3-methoxy-aniline (25 g, 158 mmol) was dissolved in conc. HCl (160 mL) at 80°C, and the solution was cooled to -10°C. An aqueous solution of NaNO₂ (12.04 g, 174.6 mmol) was added drop wise with stirring. After an additional 20 minutes, HPF₆ (80 mL) was added with stirring, keeping the temperature at or below 0°C. After an additional 30 minutes, the solid was filtered and washed with cold water and an ether-methanol mixture (4:1), and dried overnight *in vacuo*. The solid was added in portions to mineral oil at 170°C with stirring. After complete addition the mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, and 175 mL of 10% Na₂CO₃ was added slowly to it. The mixture was steam distilled, and the distillate was extracted with dichloromethane. The dichloromethane phase was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 2-Chloro-5-fluoroanisole.

[0129] Following protocol A, Mono Boc-piperazine (7.64 g, 41.12 mmol), Pd (II) acetate (153 mg, 0.65 mmol), sodium tert. butoxide (4.61 g, 47 mmol) and BINAP (0.853 g,

1.37 mmol) were mixed together and stirred at rt in 100 mL dry toluene for 15 min under nitrogen atmosphere. 2-chloro-5-fluoroanisole (5.5 g, 34.2 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL) was then added, and the mixture was refluxed for 20 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed, followed by extensive washing with toluene. The toluene was concentrated, and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate was decanted, and was concentrated to obtain crude material that was taken directly to the next step.

[0130] The crude compound from the previous step was dissolved in 20 mL of dichloromethane, and 2M HCl in dry ether (20 mL) was added to it. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in water, and was washed once with ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was basified with 10% sodium hydroxide solution to pH 12, and was extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined ethyl acetate layers were washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to afford 1-(4-Fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine as a white solid.

Synthesis of 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazine:



[0131] Following protocol F1 (below), to 1.11 g (4.24 mmol) of triphenylphosphine in 25 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0°C was added 0.67 mL (4.24 mmol) of diethylazodicarboxylate. After 10 minutes, 0.80g (3.86 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chlorophenol was added, followed rapidly by 0.38 g (4.24 mmol) of 2-Ethoxyethanol. The reaction was complete within three hours, and was partitioned between ether and water. The phases were separated, and the ether phase was diluted with hexanes and washed twice with 10% aqueous methanol and once with brine.

The ether/hexanes phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield (5-Bromo-2-chloro-ethoxy-ethoxy-benzene as a clear oil.

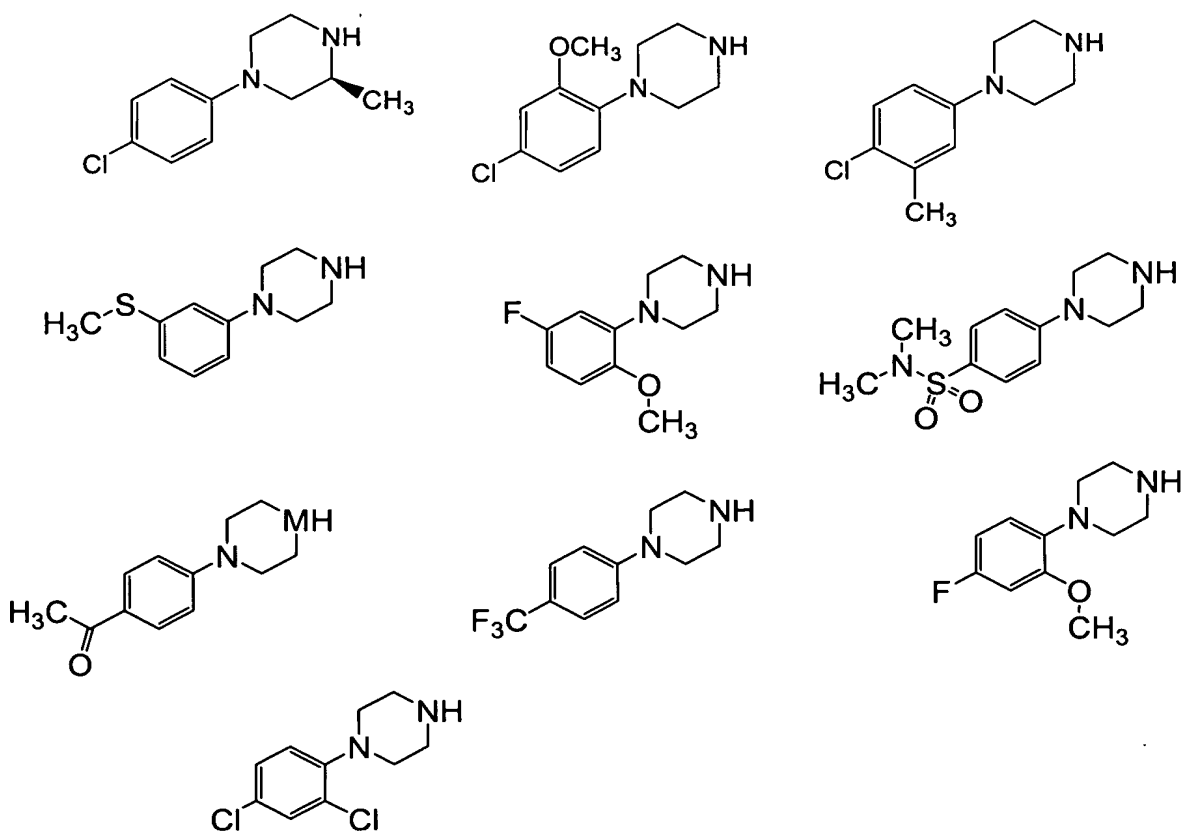
[0132] 418 mg (1.5 mmol) of (5-Bromo-2-chloro-ethoxy-ethoxy-benzene, 335 mg (1.8 mmol) of 1-Boc-piperazine, 202 mg (2.1 mmol) sodium tert-butoxide, 30 mg (0.045 mmol) of rac-binap, and 14 mg (0.015 mmol) of Pd₂DBA₃ were slurried in 0.5 mL of dry toluene, and the mixture was heated at 90°C for 12 hours. The reaction was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil via chromatography to give 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazine.

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Further examples of arylpiperazines synthesized by metal catalysed arylation methods (PROTOCOL A).

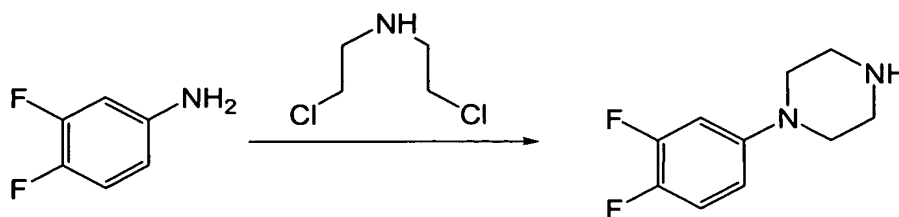
[0133] Many other arylpiperazine derivatives were prepared in addition to the specific experimental examples listed above using similar Palladium mediated coupling

15 methodologies. Examples are listed below.



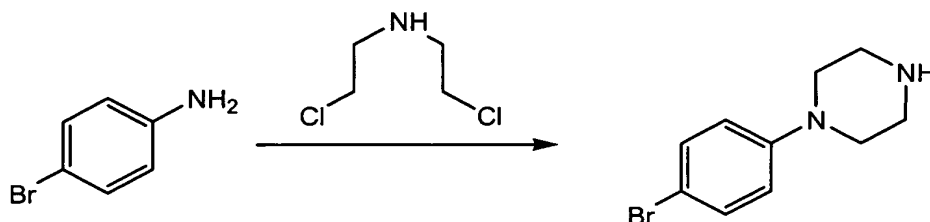
PROTOCOL B: Piperazine ring formation via cyclization reactions

Synthesis of 1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)piperazine



- 5 [0134] 3,4-Difluoro-aniline (1 g, 7.7 mmol) was dissolved in dry n-butanol (10 mL) and dry sodium carbonate (3.2 g, 30 mmol) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred for 1 hour under nitrogen. Bis(2-chloroethyl) amine hydrochloride (1.38 g, 7.7 mmol) in nBuOH (10 mL) were then added to the mixture *via* a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 120°C for 48h. The nBuOH was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration afforded the crude product. Purification using flash column chromatography (chloroform/methanol) afforded 1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-piperazine as an off white solid.

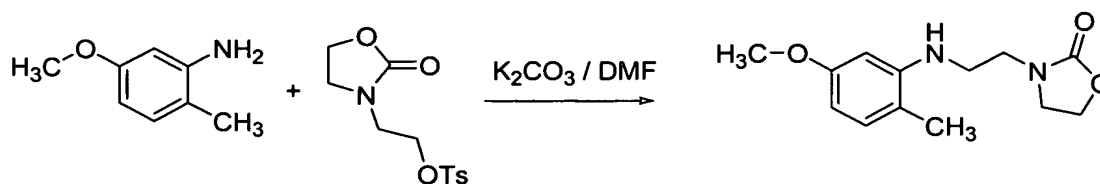
Synthesis of 1-(4-bromo-phenyl)-piperazine



- 15 [0135] 4-Bromo-aniline (2 g, 1.162 mmol) was taken in dry nBuOH (25 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (4.8 g, 34.8 mmol) was added to it and stirred at rt for 1h under nitrogen. Bis-(2-chloroethyl) amine hydrochloride 2 (2.49 g, 13.9 mmol) in nBuOH (10 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction mass was then heated at 100°C for 12h.
- 20 nBuOH was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration afforded the crude product that on purification silica gel column (chloroform/methanol) afforded the title compound.

PROTOCOL C: Piperazine ring formation via a ring opening / ring cyclization strategy

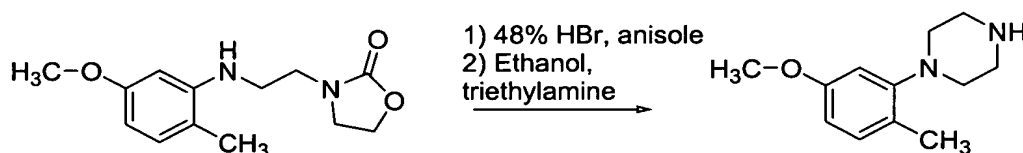
Synthesis of 3-[2-(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylamino)-ethyl]-oxazolidin-2-one:



- 5 [0136] To a flask was added 2.95 g (10.3 mmol) of Toluene-4-sulfonic acid, 2-(2-oxo-oxazolidin-3-yl)-ethyl ester, 1.56 g (11.4 mmol) of 2-methyl-5-methoxyaniline, 2.58 g (18.7 mmol) of potassium carbonate, and 22 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide, and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for seven hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated,
10 and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was purified by chromatography (120 mL silica, 60 ethyl acetate / 40 hexanes) to give the corresponding product as a clear oil that solidified upon drying: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 6.81 (d, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 6.04 (d, 1H), 4.92 (t, 1H), 4.21 (t, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H) ppm.

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Synthesis of 1-(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine

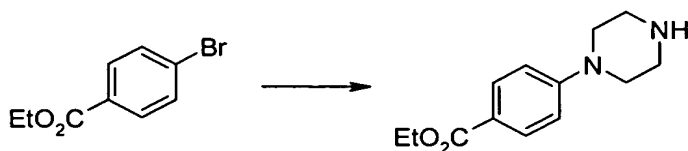


- [0137] To 505 mg (2.0 mmol) of 3-[2-(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylamino)-ethyl]-oxazolidin-2-one in a flask was added 2 mL of 48% HBr in acetic acid, 1 mL of acetic acid,
20 and 1 mL of anisole, and the mixture was heated at 90°C for six hours. The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature, and 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added. The product crystallized and was isolated by filtration. The solids were dissolved in 55 mL of ethanol, 201 mg (2 mmol) of triethylamine were added, and the solution was heated at reflux for 3 hours. The solution was then concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue that was partitioned between
25 ether and water. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was basified with 1M NaOH. The aqueous phase was then extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product was isolated via filtration.

Addition of various piperazines to aryl halides and heteroaryl halides via aryl-halogen displacement methodologies

[0138] A direct halogen displacement strategy, with thermal assistance if necessary, can be complimentary to the metal mediated approaches, discussed above, for the construction of the ring systems provided herein.

Synthesis of 4-Piperazin-1-yl-benzoic acid ethyl ester



[0139] To 4-bromobenzoic acid (25 g) and ethanol (1000 mL) was added conc.sulfuric acid (20g) drop wise. The reaction mixture was heated at 85 °C overnight. The reaction was cooled and ethanol was removed by distillation and the reaction mixture quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed with 10% sodium bicarbonate, water, brine and then concentrated to yield the crude ester. 4-bromoethyl benzoate (10.0 g, 0.0437 mol) was taken into 250 mL of dry DMF, piperazine (37 g, 0.437 mol) was added, followed by 30g (0.2185 mol) of dry potassium carbonate, 1.0 g of TBAI and 1.5 g of potassium iodide. The reaction mixture was heated at 135 °C for over night. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extracts were washed with water, then brine and then concentrated to yield 4-Piperazin-1-yl-benzoic acid ethyl ester as an off-white solid.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazine:

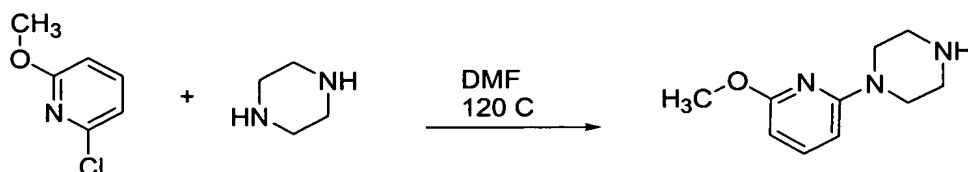


[0140] To 756 mg (5.29 mmol) of 2-Chloro-4-methoxypyridine and 2.27 g (26 mmol) of piperazine in a pressure flask was added 2.7 mL dimethylformamide, and the mixture was heated at 115°C for 5 hours. The solution was allowed to cool before opening the flask, and the resulting slurry was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined

ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product crystallized over night, and the solids were isolated by filtration to yield product as a white solid: ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.72 (d, 1H), 6.61 (d, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.79 (m, 4H), 3.36 (m, 4H) ppm.

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Synthesis of 1-(3-Methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazine:

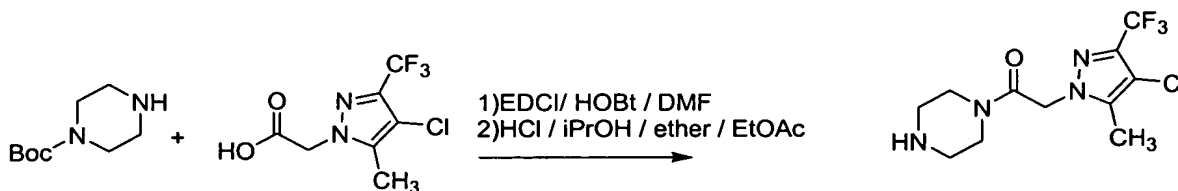


[0141] To 966 mg (6.7 mmol) of 2-Chloro-6-methoxypyridine and 2.90 g (34 mmol) of piperazine in a pressure flask was added 3.3 mL dimethylformamide, and the mixture was heated at 115°C for 5 hours. The solution was allowed to cool before opening the flask, and the resulting slurry was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product crystallized overnight, and was isolated by filtration to give a white solid: ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.73 (t, 1H), 6.52 (d, 1H), 6.31 (d, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.26 (m, 4H) ppm.

PROTOCOL D: Synthesis and addition of elaborated piperazines to aryl and heteroaryl halides via aryl-halogen displacement methodologies

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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-piperazin-1-yl-ethanone

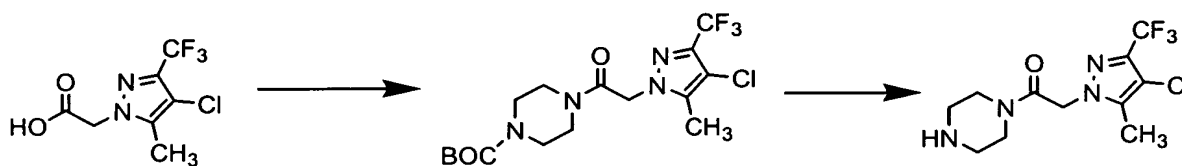


[0142] To a solution of 1.69 g (9.1 mmol) Boc-piperazine, 2.0g (8.3 mmol) of (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid, and 1.12 g (8.3 mmol) of 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole in 20 mL of dimethylformamide at 0°C was added 1.73 g (9.1 mmol) of 1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride. The reaction was allowed

of 1-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride. The reaction was allowed to stir and warm to room temperature over night, then was partitioned between ether and water. The phases were separated, and the ether phase was washed once each with 1M HCl, water, 1M NaOH, and brine. The ether phase was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to a residue.

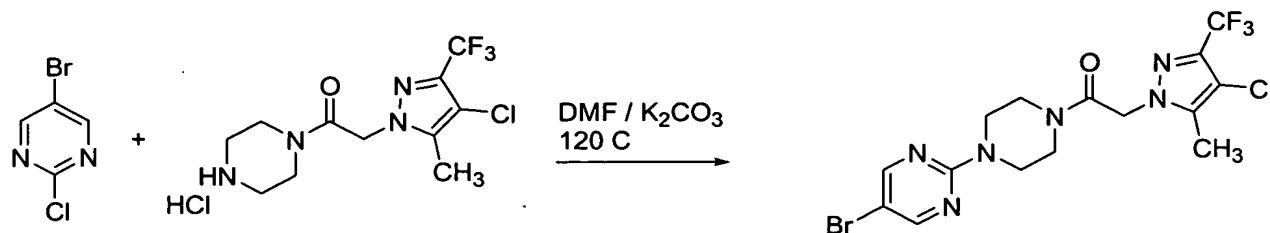
[0143] This crude residue was dissolved in 20 mL ether and 8 mL ethyl acetate, and 20 mL of 5M HCl in isopropanol was added. After 1 hour the mixture was placed in the freezer over night. The product was isolated by filtration to give a white solid. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 9.21 (br s, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.69 (m, 4H), 3.32 (m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm.

Alternative synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-piperazin-1-yl-ethanone



[0144] (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid (1.5 g, 6.18 mmol) was taken in dry DCM (20 mL) and cooled to 0°C. To this cold mixture was added N-boc piperazine (1.15 g, 6.18 mmol) followed by addition of T3P (8 g, 12.4 mmol, 50% solution in EtOAc). The reaction was left overnight at rt. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with NaHCO₃ soln, brine, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated to afford the crude product that was washed thoroughly with ether-pet ether to afford 4-[2-(4-Chloro-5 methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester (1.2 g, 2.9 mmol). This was dissolved in methanol (25 mL) cooled to 0°C and HCl saturated ether (3 mL) was added to it. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h and concentrated. Crystallization from MeOH / Petroleum ether yielded product.

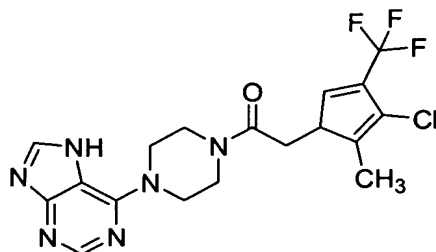
Synthesis of 1-[4-(5-Bromo-pyrimidin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone (PROTOCOL D)



- 5 **[0145]** To 86 mg (0.25 mmol) of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-piperazin-1-yl-ethanone hydrochloride, 76 mg (0.6 mmol) potassium carbonate, and 48 mg (0.3 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloropyrimidine in a vial was added 0.7 mL anhydrous dimethylformamide, and the mixture was heated at 120°C for 12 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water.
- 10 The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once each with water, 0.5M pH = 7 phosphate buffer, water, 1M NaOH, and brine. The ethyl acetate phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and acidified with 2M HCl in ether to precipitate the product as a powder: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 8.48 (s, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.57
- 15 (m, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 467.0, found 466.9.

Additional compounds of the invention prepared by the aryl-halogen displacement method

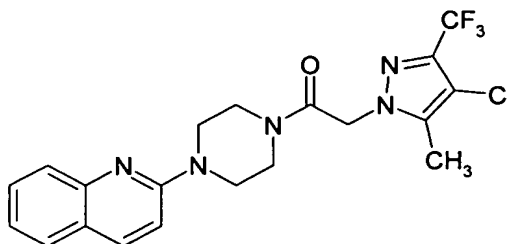
- 20 **Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(7H-purin-6-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:**



[0146] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 6-Chloropurine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.14

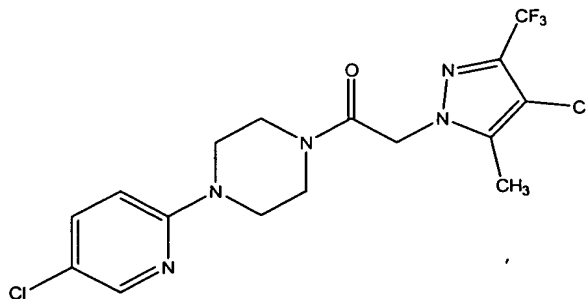
(s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 4.32 (br, 2H), 4.22 (br, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 429.1, found 429.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-quinolin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)ethanone:



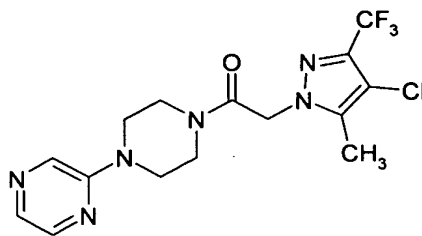
[0147] Title Compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2-Chloroquinoline was used as the heteroaryl halide component: ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400MHz) 8.44 (d, 1H), 8.29 (br, 1H), 7.91 (d, 1H), 7.77 (t, 1H), 7.57 (d, 1H), 7.48 (t, 1H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 4.14 (br, 2H), 4.01 (br, 2H), 3.78 (br, 2H), 3.70 (br, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 438.1, found 438.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(5-chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



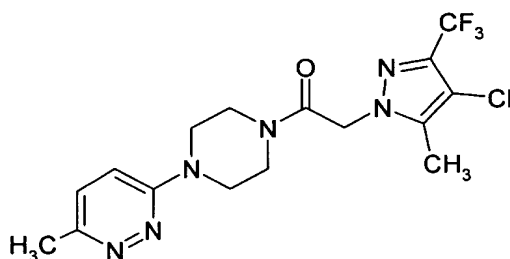
[0148] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2,5-Dichloropyridine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect M+H = 422.1, found = 422.0; HPLC retention time = 4.75 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-4-yl)-ethanone:



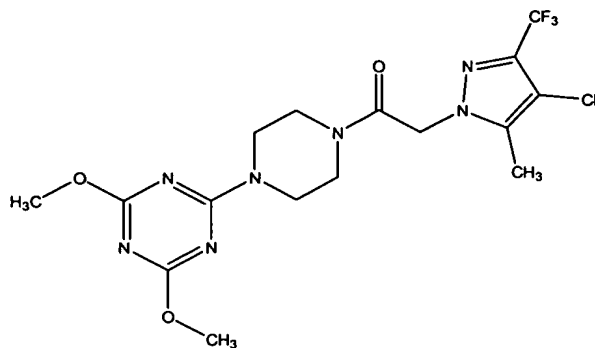
[0149] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2-Chloropyrazine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400MHz) 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, 1H), 7.85 (d, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 389.1, found 389.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(6-methyl-pyridazin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



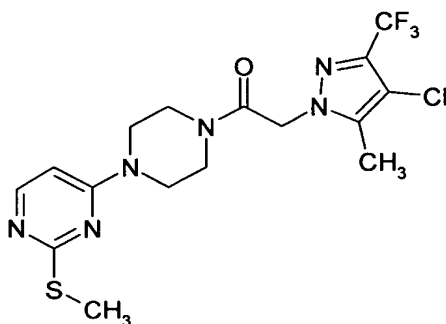
[0150] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 3-Chloro-6-methylpyridazine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect M+H = 403.1, found = 403.0; HPLC retention time = 1.68 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4,6-dimethoxy-[1,3,5]triazin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



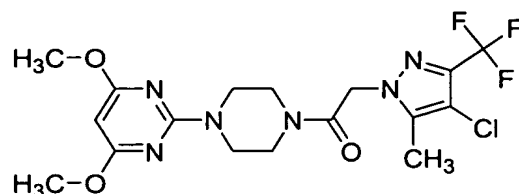
[0151] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2-Chloro-4,6-dimethoxytriazine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect $M+H = 450.1$, found = 450.0; HPLC retention time = 4.24 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2-methylsulfanylpirimidin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



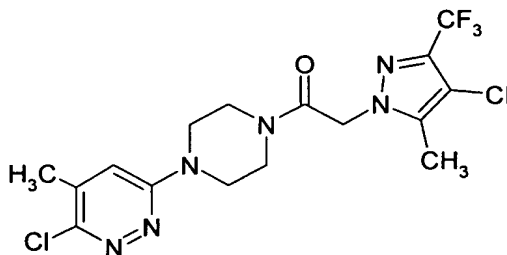
[0152] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 4-Chloro-2-methylthiopyrimidine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400MHz) 8.16 (d, 1H), 6.87 (d, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.90 (br m, 4H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect $M+Na = 435.1$, found 435.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4,6-dimethoxy-pyrimidin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



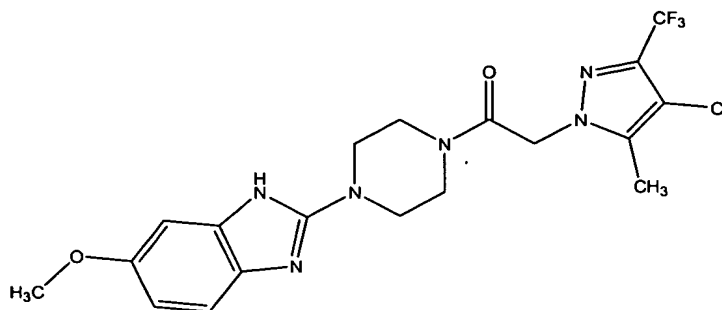
[0153] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2-Chloro-4,6-dimethoxypyrimidine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect M+H = 449.1, found = 449.0; HPLC retention time = 4.92 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 1-[4-(6-Chloro-5-methyl-pyridazin-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0154] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 3,6-Dichloro-4-methylpyridazine was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect M+H = 437.1, found = 437.0; HPLC retention time = 4.17 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(5-methoxy-1-H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0155] Title compound was prepared following protocol D, wherein 2-Chloro-5-methoxybenzimidazole was used as the heteroaryl halide component: MS (ES) expect $M+H = 457.1$, found = 457.0; HPLC retention time = 2.85 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

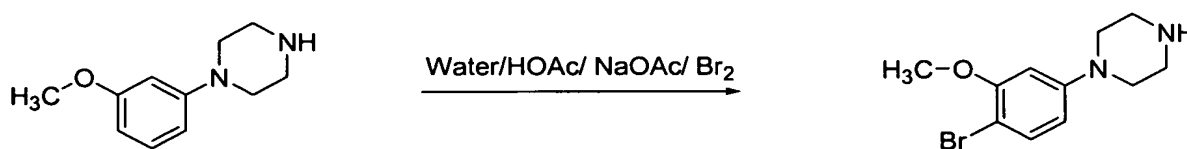
Further functionalization of arylpiperazine ring system after its formal construction

[0156] Key compounds of the current invention have, in addition to other selected substituents, a halogen atom at the 2- or 4-position. Approaches to install this are described in the following section.

[0157] Functionalization of the aryl ring within the arylpiperazine ring system can, in general, take place either before or after introduction of the piperazine ring, as illustrated in the examples below.

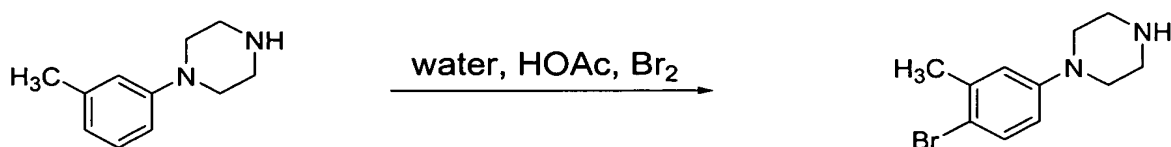
PROTOCOL E: Selected examples of halogenation of aromatic systems after attachment of the piperazine ring system

Synthesis of 1-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride:



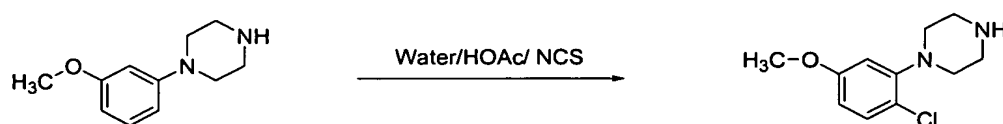
[0158] To a solution of 2.33 g (8.8 mmol) of 1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)piperazine dihydrochloride and 756 mg (9.7 mmol) sodium acetate in 70 mL of acetic acid and 15 mL of water at 0°C was added 1.55 g (9.7 mmol) bromine. After 1 hour, the reaction was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*, and the oil was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1M NaOH. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*. The oil was dissolved in a minimum volume of methanol, and the solution was acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product was isolated by filtration. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.36 (d, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.50 (d, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 8H) ppm.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Bromo-3-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride:



[0159] To a solution of 966 mg (4.0 mmol) of 1-(3-Methylphenyl)piperazine dihydrochloride in 9 mL of acetic acid and 1 mL of water at 0°C was added 640 mg (4.0 mmol) of bromine. After 1 hour, the reaction was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*, and the oil was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1M NaOH. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*. The oil was dissolved in a minimum volume of methanol, and the solution was acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product was isolated by filtration. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.37 (d, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, 1H), 3.37 (m, 8H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm.

Synthesis of 1-(2-Chloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride:

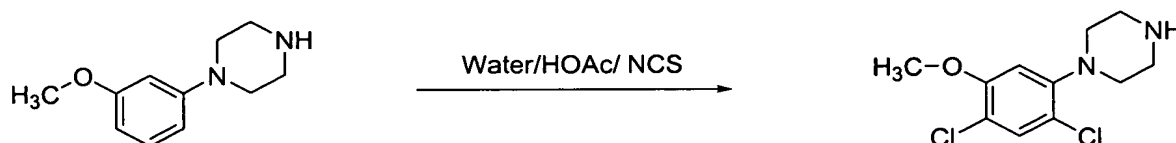


[0160] To a solution of 5.3 g (20 mmol) of 1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)piperazine dihydrochloride in 120 mL of acetic acid and 30 mL of water at 0°C was added 3.3 g (20 mmol) of N-chlorosuccinimide. After 5 hours, the reaction was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*, and the oil was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1M NaOH. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried over

Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*. The oil was dissolved in a minimum volume of methanol, and the solution was acidified with 2M HCl in ether. The product was isolated by filtration. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.28 (d, 1H), 6.66 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 4H), 3.20 (m, 4H) ppm.

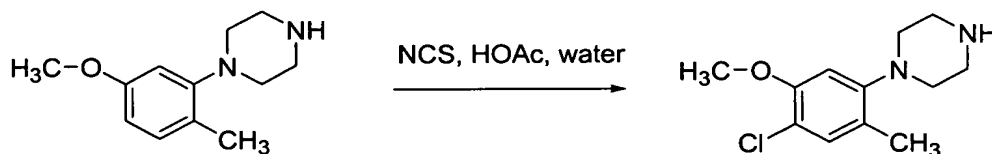
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Synthesis of 1-(2,4-Dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride:



[0161] To a solution of 530 mg (2.0 mmol) of 1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)piperazine dihydrochloride in 7 mL of acetic acid and 4 mL of water at 0°C was added 700 mg (4.4 mmol) of N-chlorosuccinimide. The reaction was taken out of the ice/water bath after 2 hours, and allowed to stir overnight. After 12 hours, the reaction was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*, and the oil was partitioned between ether and water. The phases were separated, the aqueous was basified with 1M NaOH, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to an oil *in vacuo*. The oil was dissolved in a minimum volume of methanol, the solution was acidified with 5M HCl in isopropanol and was diluted with ethyl acetate to effect crystallization. The product was isolated by filtration. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 400MHz) 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 4H), 3.19 (m, 4H) ppm.

20 **Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-5-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine**



[0162] Following protocol E, to 90 mg (0.32 mmol) of 1-(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine hydrochloride in 1.3 mL of acetic acid and 1 mL of water at 0° C was added 58 mg (0.36 mmol) of N-chlorosuccinimide. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature over two hours, and after 14 hours it was concentrated to a dark residue *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated.

The aqueous phase was basified to pH > 10 with 1M NaOH, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2 M HCl in ether, and diluted with ether to give the product as a solid.

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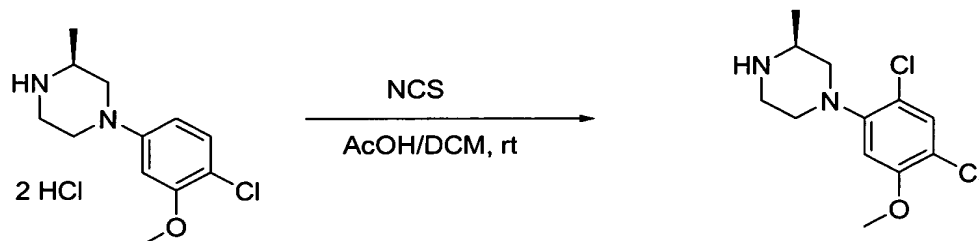
Synthesis of 1-(4-Bromo-3-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine:



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[0163] To 500 mg of S-(+)-3-methyl- N1- (4-chloro -3- methoxy)phenylpiperazine (1.79 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 5 mL of 1:1 AcOH/DCM was added 91 uL Br₂ (1.79 mmol, 1.0 eq) to the stirring slurry. LC/ MS shows mixture of polyhalogenated species. Crude mixture purified by preparative HPLC to get the titled intermediate.

Synthesis of 1-(2,4-Dichloro-5-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine:



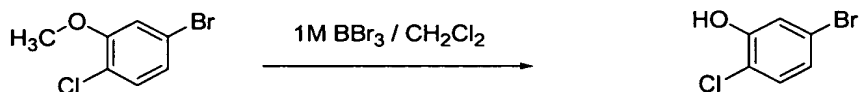
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[0164] To 500 mg of S-(+)-3-methyl- N1- (4-chloro -3- methoxy)phenylpiperazine (1.44 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 2 mL of 1:1 AcOH/DCM was added 85 mg NCS (0.64 mmol, 0.44 eq) to the stirring slurry. LC/ MS shows mixture of polyhalogenated species. Crude mixture purified by preparative HPLC to get the desired intermediate.

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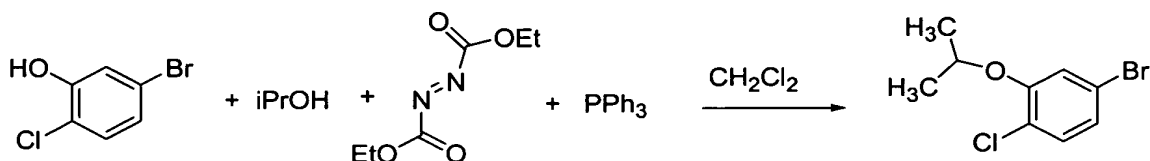
PROTOCOL F1: Selected examples of demethylation / etherification of aromatic precursors for attachment of the piperazine ring system to access key arylpiperazine moieties

5 Synthesis of 3-Bromo-6-chlorophenol:



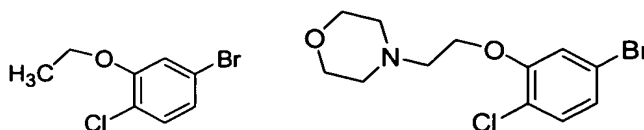
[0165] To 50 mL of a 1M solution of boron tribromide in CH₂Cl₂ at 0°C was added 5.71 g (25.8 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole. After 2 hours, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 5 hours, the solution was cooled to 0°C, and quenched with methanol. The resulting solution was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were diluted with one volume of ether, and were extracted twice with 1M NaOH. The combined basic aqueous phases were acidified with 12M HCl, and were extracted once with ethyl acetate. The final ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the phenol as a tan solid. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 10.66 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H) ppm.

Synthesis of 1-Bromo-3-isopropoxy-4-chlorobenzene:



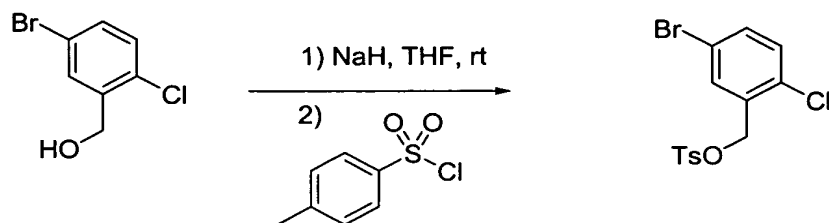
[0166] To 1.70g (6.5 mmol) of triphenylphosphine in 25 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0°C was added 1.14 g (6.5 mmol) of diethylazodicarboxylate. After 10 minutes, 390 mg (6.5 mmol) of isopropanol was added, followed rapidly by 1.03 g (5.0 mmol) of 3-Bromo-6-chlorophenol. The reaction was complete within three hours, and was partitioned between ether and water. The phases were separated, and the ether phase was diluted with hexanes and washed twice with 10% aqueous methanol and once with brine. The ether/hexanes phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield product as a clear oil.

PROTOCOL F2: Additional examples of analogous ring systems constructed using similar demethylation / etherification strategies.



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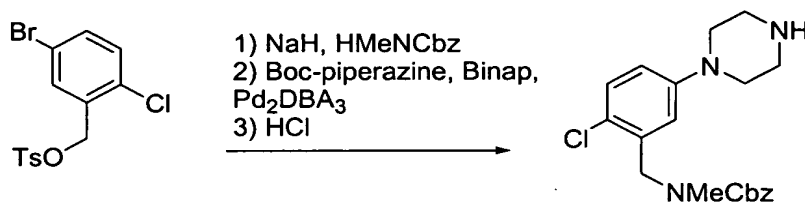
Synthesis of 2-chloro-5-bromo-O-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)benzyl alcohol:



[0167] To 1.0 g of 2-chloro-5-bromobenzyl alcohol (4.5 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 5 mL dry THF, was added 200 mg 60% NaH/mineral oil dispersion (5.0 mmol, 1.1 eq), and the resulting slurry was stirred under nitrogen for 0.5 hours. 900 mg portion of 4-methylbenzenesulfonyl chloride (4.8 mmol, 1.05 eq) was added, and the mixture allowed to stir overnight for 12 hours. The reaction was poured into 25 mL aqueous K₂CO₃, and this was extracted with 2 X 10 mL of 20% Hexane/EtOAc. The aqueous phase was discarded, and the combined organic phases were dried under vacuum to obtain a white crystalline solid.

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Preparation of (2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester:



[0168] To 200 mg of 2-chloro-5-bromo-O-(4-methylbenzenesulfonyl)benzyl alcohol (0.53 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 500 uL dry THF was added 230 mg of 60% NaH dispersion in mineral oil (0.58 mmol, 1.1 eq), followed by 1.5 eq of the N-Cbz-methylamine. The mixture was heated at 60°C overnight, and the crude products were purified by preparative HPLC to give (5-Bromo-2-chloro-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

[0169] 500 mg of (5-Bromo-2-chloro-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester (1.36 mmol), 303 mg (1.63 mmol) of N-Boc-piperazine, 182 mg (1.90 mmol) of NaOtBu, 27 mg

(0.04 mmol) of BINAP, and 12 mg (0.01 mmol) of Pd₂DBa₃ in 0.5 mL of toluene were heated at 90°C overnight. The crude material was purified by prep HPLC to give 4-{3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-4-chloro-phenyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester.

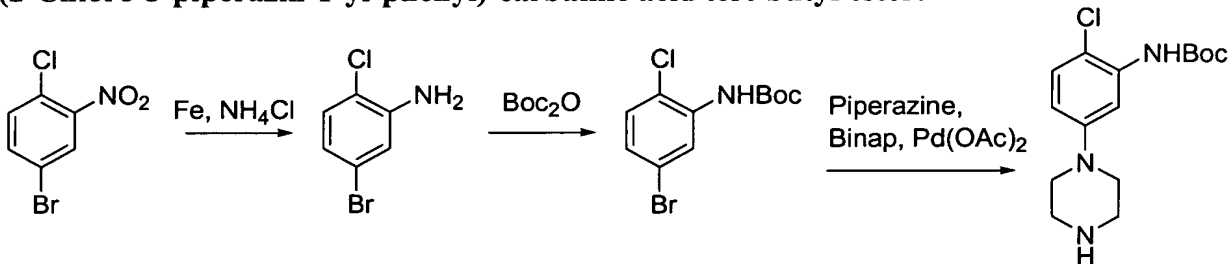
- 5 [0170] 220 mg of 4-{3-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl-methyl-amino)-methyl]-4-chloro-phenyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester was dissolved in 2 mL of a 1:2 TFA:dichloromethane solution. After 0.5 hour, the solvent and TFA are removed under vacuum to give (2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester as an oil.

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Other Substituted arylpiperazines prepared using this procedure:



(2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-phenyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester:



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[0171] To 25 g (0.106 mol) of 4-bromo-1-chloro-2-nitrobenzene in 400 mL of methanol was added 30g (0.528 mol) of iron powder. The mixture was heated to 50°C, and 45 g (0.8456 mol) of ammonium chloride in 200 mL of water was slowly added. The reaction was heated to 70°C over night, cooled to ambient temperature, and filtered through paper. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in water, and this was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 5-Bromo-2-chloroaniline.

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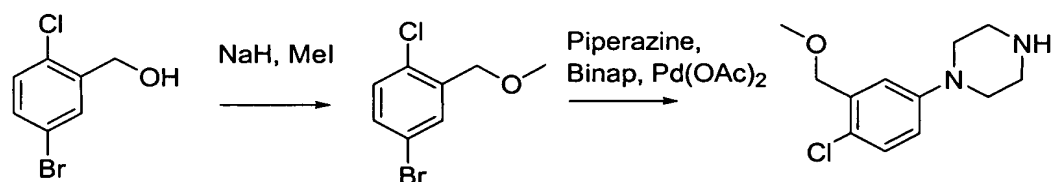
[0172] To 10g (0.048 mol) of 5-bromo-2-chloroaniline in 300 mL of dry dichloromethane was added 15 g (0.1452 mol) of triethylamine. The reaction was cooled to 0°C, and 13 g (0.0581 mol) of Boc-anhydride was added. The reaction was warmed to ambient temperature, and 6 g (0.048 mol) of DMAP was added. After 14 hours the solvent was removed *in vacuo*,

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and the residue was purified by chromatography to give tert-butyl-5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl carbamate as a pale orange solid.

[0173] Following protocol A, 5 g (0.02 mol) of tert-butyl-5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl carbamate, 14 g (0.1628 mol) of piperazine, 8.6 g (0.025 mol) of cesium carbonate, 0.1 g (0.0025 mol) of palladium acetate, and 0.1 g (0.002 mol) of BINAP in 5 mL of dry toluene were heated at 110°C for 12 hours. After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction was quenched with water, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by 60-120 silica gel using 0.5 % of methanol in chloroform, to give (2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-phenyl)-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester as a low melting solid.

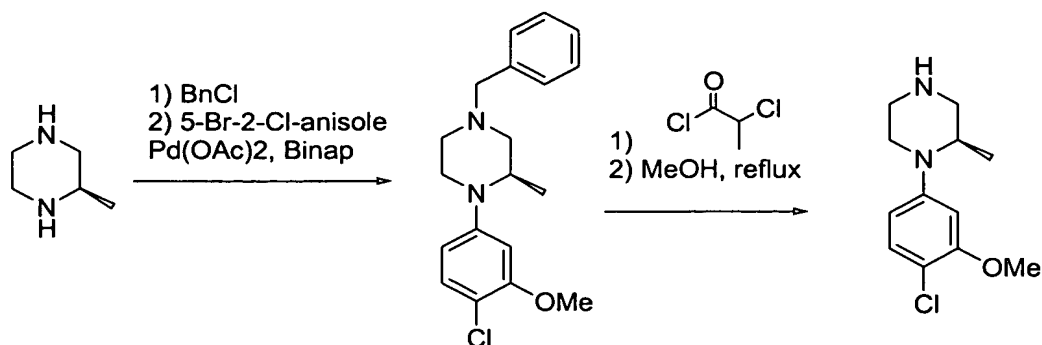
1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxymethyl-phenyl)-piperazine:



[0174] 1 g (0.0045 mol) of 5-bromo-2-chlorobenzyl alcohol in dry THF was added to 0.4 g (0.00032 mol) of sodium hydride in dry THF at 0°C, and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 hour. 1.28 g (0.009 mol) of methyl iodide was added, and the reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After stirring for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched with water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 4-Bromo-1-chloro-2-methoxymethyl-benzene.

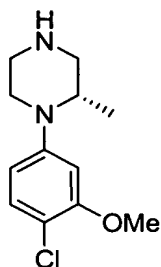
[0175] Following protocol A, 0.98 g (0.0041 mol) of 4-bromo-1-chloro-2-methoxymethyl-benzene, 0.35 g (0.0041 mol) of piperazine, 0.0466 g (0.0002 mol) of palladium acetate, 0.25 g (0.00041 mol) of BINAP, and 0.63 g (0.0066 mol, 1.6 eq) of sodium tert-butoxide in 10 mL of dry toluene were heated at 110°C under argon atmosphere for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was washed once each with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxymethyl-phenyl)-piperazine as a low melting solid.

1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazine:



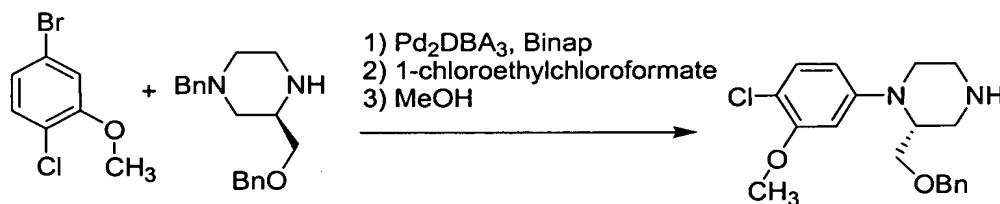
- 5 [0176] 2 g (0.02 mol) of R-(-)-2-methylpiperazine, 2.5 g (0.0197 mol) of benzylchloride, and 5 g (0.0599 mol) of sodium bicarbonate in 25 mL of ethanol were heated to 85°C for 12 hours. After cooling, the reaction was filtered through paper, and the ethanol was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 1-Benzyl-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine as a yellow liquid.
- 10 [0177] 1.2 g (0.0054 mol) of 5-bromo-2-chloroanisole, 1 g (0.0054 mol) of 1-Benzyl-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine, 0.06 g (0.00027 mol) of palladium acetate, 0.34 g (0.00054 mol) of BINAP, and 0.83 g (0.0086 mol) of sodium tert-butoxide in dry toluene (5 mL) were heated at 110°C for 48 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with water, brine, dried with
- 15 Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 4-Benzyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazine as a yellow semi solid.
- [0178] 0.3 g (0.00091 mol, 1eq) of 4-Benzyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazine in 20 mL of dry 1,2-Dichloroethane was cooled to 0°C, 0.16 g (0.0011 mol) of 1-chloroethylchloroformate was added drop wise, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C
- 20 for 15 min. The mixture was then heated at 70°C for 1hr, followed by removal of the 1,2-Dichloroethane under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in 30 mL of methanol, and heated at 65°C for 1 hr. The methanol was removed under vacuum, the residue was dissolved in 10 mL of water, and this was washed with ether twice. The aqueous phase was basified to pH> 9 using solid sodium bicarbonate, and was extracted with dichloromethane. The
- 25 dichloromethane phase was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazine as a low melting solid.

1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazine:



[0179] This compound was prepared following the same procedure as that used to
5 synthesize 1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazine, using 2-(S)-(+)-Methyl-
piperazine as the starting material, to give the title compound as a pale yellow semi solid.

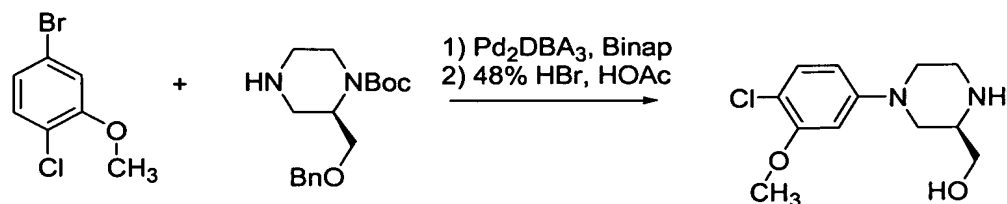
Synthesis of 2-(R)-Benzyloxymethyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine:



10 [0180] Following protocol A, 818 mg (3.70 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole, 1.15 g
(3.88 mmol) of 1-Benzyl-3-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-piperazine, 0.50g (5.18 mmol) of sodium
tert-butoxide, 33 mg (0.037 mmol) of tris-dibenzylideneacetone-dipalladium(0), and 66 mg
(0.11 mmol) of *rac*-Binap in 2 mL of dry toluene were heated at 85°C for 6 hours. The
mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, and was partitioned between ethyl acetate and
15 water. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried
over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed to give 4-Benzyl-
2-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine.

[0181] 1.05 g (2.40 mmol) of 4-Benzyl-2-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-
phenyl)-piperazine in 50 mL of dichloromethane was cooled to 0°C, and 406 mg (2.88 mmol)
20 of 1-Chloroethyl chloroformate was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to ambient
temperature after 30 minutes, then was heated at 75°C in a sealed vessel for 3 hours. The
solution was then concentrated *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in 30 mL of methanol,
and the solution was heated at 60°C for 2 hours. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo*, and
the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1M NaOH. The phases were separated,
25 and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and
concentrated to give 2-(R)-Benzyloxymethyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine.

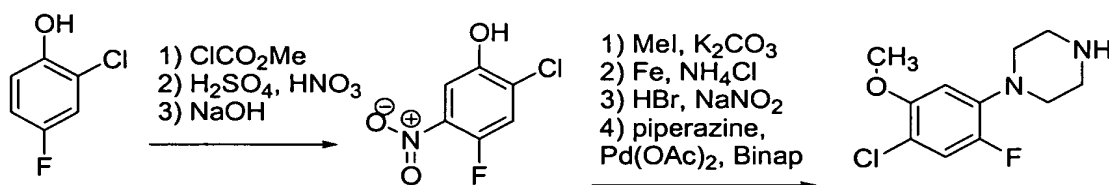
Synthesis of [4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-2-(S)-yl]-methanol:



[0182] Following protocol A, 1.41 g (6.34 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole, 2.04 g (6.66 mmol) of N¹-Boc-2-(R)-Benzyloxymethyl-piperazine, 0.85 g (8.86 mmol) of sodium tert-butoxide, 28 mg (0.032 mmol) of tris-dibenzylideneacetone-dipalladium(0), and 58 mg (0.095 mmol) of *rac*-Binap in 3 mL of dry toluene were heated at 90°C for 6 hours. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, and was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed to give a white foam.

[0183] The purified material from above was heated in 25 mL of 48% HBr in acetic acid at 75°C for 1 hour. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, and was partitioned between ether and water. The phases were separated, the aqueous phase was basified to pH > 10 with solid K₂CO₃, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and was concentrated to give [4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-2-(S)-yl]-methanol as a tan solid.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine:



[0184] 5.0 g (34.1 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-fluorophenol in 75 mL of 10% sodium hydroxide was cooled to 0°C, and 4.0g (42.6 mmol) of methylchloroformate was added. After 45 minutes, the solids were isolated by filtration to give 2-chloro-4-fluoro-phenyl-methyl carbonate.

[0185] To 6.0g (29.3 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-fluoro-phenyl-methyl carbonate in 3 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid at 0°C was added 6 mL of nitrating mixture. After 45 minutes, the

reaction was quenched with ice-water, and the solids were isolated by filtration to give 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl methyl carbonate.

[0186] To 7.0g (28.0 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl methyl carbonate in 100 mL of methanol at 0°C was added 75 mL of 0.5M NaOH. After 1 hour, the methanol was removed *in vacuo*, the solution was acidified with 1.5M HCl, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with water and brine, and concentrated to give 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitrophenol.

[0187] To 5.6 g (29.2 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitrophenol in 250 mL of dry acetone were added 21 g (146 mmol) of methyl iodide and 20g (146 mmol) of potassium carbonate, and the mixture was heated at 55°C for three hours. The acetone was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, and concentrated to give 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitro-anisole.

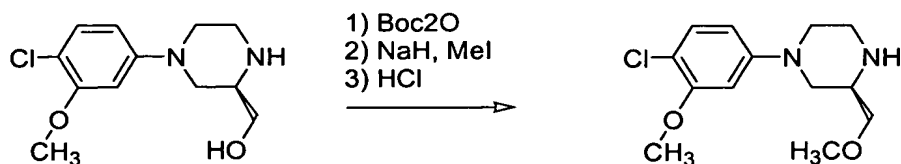
[0188] To 4.5 g (22.2 mmol) of 2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-nitro-anisole in 75 mL of methanol was added 6 g (11 mmol) of iron powder, the mixture was heated to 50°C, and 10g (175 mmol) of ammonium chloride in 150 mL of water was added. The reaction was warmed further to 70°C, and was stirred for 12 hours. The mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, filtered through celite, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, and was concentrated to give 4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-aniline.

[0189] 3.0g (17.1 mmol) of 4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-aniline in 23 mL of hydrobromic acid and 23 mL of water, and the solution was cooled to 0°C. To this was added 1.5 g (21.4 mmol) of sodium nitrite in 2 mL of water. 9 g (36 mmol) of copper bromide was added in 30 mL of 50% hydrobromic acid. After the addition, the mixture was heated to 55°C for one hour. The mixture was cooled, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and was concentrated to give 5-Bromo-2-chloro-4-fluoroanisole.

[0190] 1.0g (4.2 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloro-4-fluoroanisole, 47 mg (0.21 mmol) of palladium acetate, 180 mg (0.29 mmol) of binap, 0.65 g (6.7 mmol) of sodium tert-butoxide, and 3.6 g (42 mmol) of piperazine in 3 mL of dry toluene were heated at 110°C for 24 hours. The reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated.

The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 1-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine.

5 **Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-methoxymethyl-piperazine:**

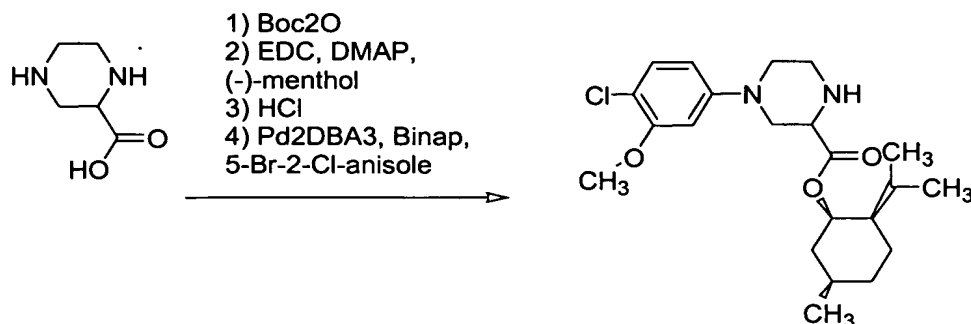


[0191] To 1.26 g (4.90 mmol) of [4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-2-(S)-yl]-methanol and 779 mg (6.37 mmol) of 2,4,6-collidine in 15 mL of dry N,N-dimethylformamide at 0°C was added 1.18 g (5.40 mmol) of Di-tert-butyldicarbonate. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature after two hours, and was stirred for 14 additional hours. The reaction was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with 1M NaHSO₄, water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester as an oil that solidified on standing.

[0192] To 122 mg (0.34 mmol) of 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester and 57 mg (0.41 mmol) of methyl iodide in dry N,N-dimethylformamide at 0°C was added 20 mg (0.48 mmol) of 60% sodium hydride in oil. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature in ten minutes, and the reaction was quenched with water after one hour. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methoxymethyl-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester as an oil.

[0193] The oil from above was dissolved in 1 mL of ethyl acetate and 1 mL of 5M HCl in isopropanol. After 10 hours, the solution was concentrated, and the residue was partitioned between 1M NaOH and ethyl acetate. The phases were separated, and the ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-methoxymethyl-piperazine.

Synthesis of 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (-)-menthol ester:



[0194] 8.75 g (43.4 mmol) of 2-piperazine carboxylic acid and 16.4 g (195 mmol) of sodium hydrogencarbonate were dissolved in 140 mL of water, 140 mL of acetonitrile was added, and the mixture was cooled to 0°C. To this was added 20.9 g (95.4 mmol) of Di-tert-butylidicarbonate, and the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature after 2 hours. After stirring for twelve hours, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the acetonitrile, and the mixture was washed with ether. The aqueous solution was acidified with 1M NaHSO₄, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give Piperazine-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid 1,4-di-tert-butyl ester.

[0195] A solution of 13 g (39 mmol) of piperazine-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid 1,4-di-tert-butyl ester, 13.4 g (86 mmol) of (-)-menthol, and 940 mg (7.8 mmol) of 4-N,N-Dimethylamino-pyridine in 200 mL of dichloromethane was cooled to 0°C, and 8.90g (47 mmol) of 1-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride was added. The solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature after two hours, and was stirred for an additional 12 hours. The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed once each with 1M NaHSO₄ and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give a semi-solid.

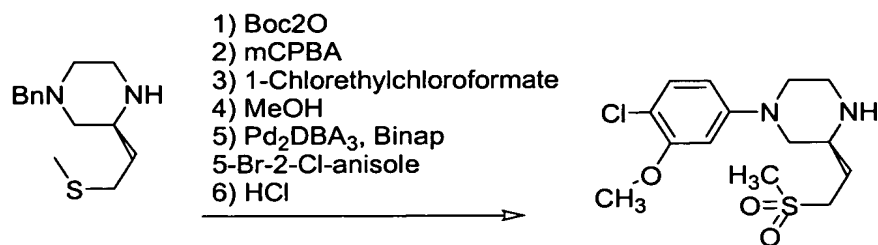
[0196] The semi-solid from above was dissolved in 300 mL of ethyl acetate, 100 mL of dichloromethane, and 100 mL of 5M HCl in isopropanol. After 20 hours, the solids were isolated by filtration to give piperazine-2-carboxylic acid 2-(-)-menthol ester dihydrochloride.

[0197] 1.36 g (4.0 mmol) of piperazine-2-carboxylic acid 2-(-)-menthol ester dihydrochloride, 803 mg (3.63 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole, 1.09 g (11.4 mmol) of sodium tert-butoxide, 62 mg (0.10 mmol) of rac-Binap, and 30 mg (0.034 mmol) of Tris-dibenzylideneacetone dipalladium (0) were slurried in 5 mL of toluene, and the mixture was

heated at 80°C for 12 hours. The reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed to give 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (-)-menthol ester.

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Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine:



[0198] 1.00g (3.99 mmol) of 1-Benzyl-3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine, and 81 mg (0.8 mmol) of triethylamine in 5 mL of dichloromethane were cooled to 0°C, and 1.05 g (4.79 mmol) of Di-tert-butylidicarbonate was added. After stirring for two hours, the solution was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and was stirred for an additional 12 hours. The reaction was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 1-Benzyl-3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine as an oil.

[0199] 608 mg (1.74 mmol) of 1-Benzyl-3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine was dissolved in 8 mL of dichloromethane, and the solution was cooled to 0°C. To this was added 899 mg (5.21 mmol) of meta-Chloroperbenzoic acid, and the mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature over one hour. The reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed with 1M NaOH, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 1-Benzyl-3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine as an oil.

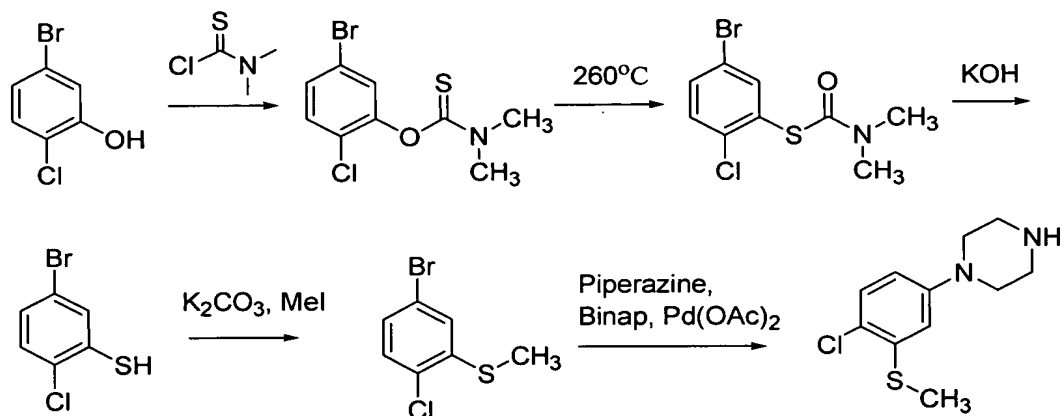
[0200] 180 mg (0.47 mmol) of 1-Benzyl-3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine in 2.5 mL of methanol was purged with nitrogen, 20 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂ on carbon was added, and the mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 30 hours. The mixture was flushed with nitrogen, filtered through celite, and concentrated to give 3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine as an oil.

[0201] 96 mg (0.33 mmol) of 3-(S)-(2-methylsulfonyl-ethyl)-4-tert-butoxycarbonylpiperazine, 73 mg (0.33 mmol) of 5-Bromo-2-chloroanisole, 6 mg

(0.01 mmol) of rac-Binap, 3 mg (0.003 mmol) of Tris-benzylideneacetone dipalladium (0), and 44 mg (0.46 mmol) of sodium tert-butoxide were slurried in 0.6 mL of toluene, and the mixture was heated at 85°C for 8 hours. The reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each
 5 with water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed to give 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester.

[0202] 30 mg (0.07 mmol) of 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester was dissolved in 1 mL of ethyl acetate, and 0.5 mL of 5M HCl in isopropanol was added. After 20 hours, the solids were isolated by
 10 filtration to give 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine as the hydrochloride salt.

Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-3-methylsulfonyl-phenyl)-piperazine:



[0203] To 5-Bromo-2-chlorophenol (1.7 g, 0.0087 mol) in 9 mL of water was added potassium carbonate (0.5 g, 0.0087 mol), and the mixture was stirred for 15 min, then cooled
 20 to 10° C. N,N-dimethylthiocarbamylchloride (1.4 g, 0.0117 mol) in 3 mL of THF was added, the reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and was stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed once each with water and brine, and concentrated to give O-(5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl) dimethylthiocarbamate as a yellow solid.

[0204] O-(5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl) dimethylthiocarbamate (1.8 g, 0.0061 mol) in 60 mL
 25 of diphenyl ether was heated to 260 °C over sand bath for 15 hours. The reaction was allowed

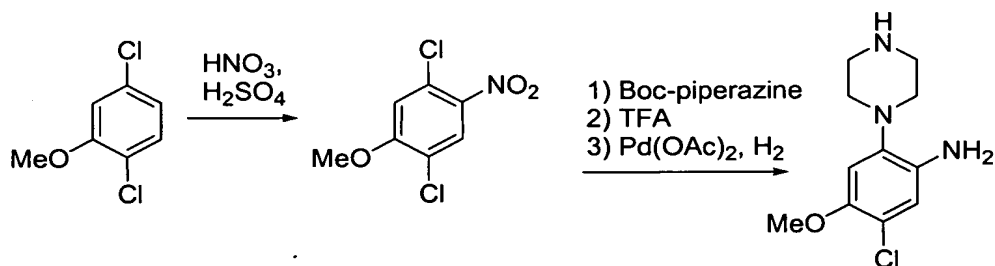
to cool to ambient temperature, and was directly loaded onto a bed of silica. The column was eluted with petroleum ether to give S-(5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl)dimethylthiocarbamate as a solid.

[0205] To S-(5-bromo-2-chlorophenyl)dimethylthiocarbamate (0.5 g, 0.0022 mol) in 10 mL of ethylene glycol was added potassium hydroxide (0.19 g, 0.0033 mol) dissolved in 3 mL of water. The reaction was heated to 150 °C for 4 hours. The reaction was cooled to ambient temperature, was quenched with water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and was concentrated to give 5-Bromo-2-chlorobenzenethiol as an off-white solid.

[0206] 5-Bromo-2-chlorobenzenethiol (0.34 g, 0.0015 mol), methyl iodide (1.1 g, 0.5 mL, 0.0075 mol), and dry potassium carbonate (0.64 g, 0.0045 mol) in 15 mL of dry acetone were heated to 50° C for 9 hours. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed once each with water and brine, and concentrated to give 5-Bromo-2-chlorothioanisole as a yellow liquid.

[0207] 5-Bromo-2-chlorothioanisole (0.3 g, 0.0012 mol), piperazine (1.0 g, 0.012 mol), palladium acetate (0.015 g, 0.00006 mol), BINAP (0.075 g, 0.00012 mol), and sodium tert-butoxide (0.17 g, 0.0018 mol) in 5 mL of dry toluene were heated to 110° C under an argon atmosphere for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, quenched with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and was concentrated to a residue. The residue was purified by column chromatography, using 2 % methanol in chloroform, to give the 1-(4-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-piperazine as a low melting solid.

5-Chloro-4-methoxy-2-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamine:



[0208] 17.5 g (0.09943 mol) of 2,5-dichloroanisole was dissolved in 4 mL of conc..sulfuric acid, the solution was cooled to 0°C, and 18 mL of nitrating mixture (prepared by adding 9 mL of conc. sulfuric acid to 9 mL of nitric acid at 0°C) was added. The reaction was allowed

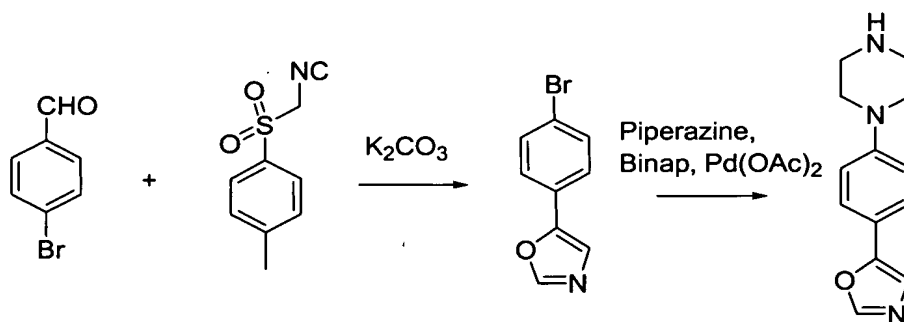
to warm to ambient temperature, and was stirred for 2 hours. The solids were isolated by filtration, and were washed with pet ether to give 2,5-Dichloro-4-nitroanisole.

[0209] 5 g (0.0225 mol) of 2,5-Dichloro-4-nitroanisole, 8.3 g (0.0450 mol) of mono-boc piperazine, 7.7 g (0.056 mol) of dry potassium carbonate, and 0.2 g of TBAI in 100 mL of dry DMSO was heated at 120°C for 10 hours. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with water, and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with water and brine, and concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 4-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester.

[0210] 5.3 g (0.0142 mol) of 4-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester and 5.4 mL (0.07 mol) of trifluoroacetic acid in 100 mL of dichloromethane were stirred over night. The reaction mixture was basified using 1M NaOH, and was extracted with dichloromethane. The dichloromethane phase was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to give 4-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazine.

[0211] To 3.5 g (0.012 mol) of 4-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazine in 25 mL of methanol was added 0.4 g of 10 % palladium acetate, and the mixture was stirred under 1 Atm. hydrogen for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give 5-Chloro-4-methoxy-2-piperazin-1-yl-phenylamine.

Synthesis of 1-(4-oxazol-5-yl-phenyl)-piperazine:



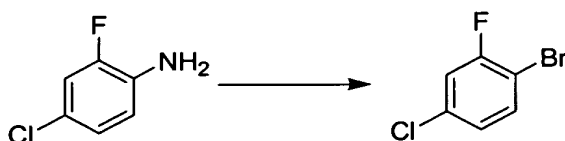
[0212] To 4-Bromobenzaldehyde (1.0 g, 0.0054 mol) in 20 mL of dry methanol was added the TOSMIC reagent (1.2 g, 0.0059 mol), followed by dry potassium carbonate (0.8 g, 0.0058 mol). The reaction mixture was heated to 65 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate, washed once each with water and brine, and concentrated. The

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[0213] 4-Bromo-oxazol-5-yl-benzene (0.5 g, 0.0023 mol), piperazine (1.9 g, 0.022 mol), palladium acetate (0.026 g, 0.00011 mol), BINAP (0.14 g, 0.00023 mol) and sodium tert-butoxide (0.35 g, 0.0037 mol) in 5 mL of dry toluene were heated to 110 °C under an argon atmosphere for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, quenched with water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography, using 2% of methanol in chloroform, to give 1-(4-oxazol-5-yl-phenyl)-piperazine as a yellow solid.

PROTOCOL G1: General procedure for the synthesis of elaborated aryl bromides from anilines

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-2-fluoro-1-bromobenzene

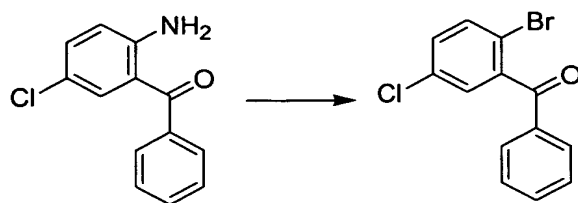


[0214] Sodium nitrite (2.35 g, 34.13 mmol) solution (40 mL) was added dropwise to 4-Chloro-2-fluoro aniline (4.5 g, 31 mmol) in 170 mL HBr at -10°C bath temperature, then the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -10°C bath temperature. In parallel, copper sulfate (10.22 g, 24.29 mmol) and sodium bromide (3.79 g, 36.8 mmol) were mixed and the reaction mixture was heated at 60°C for 30 min. Then sodium sulfite (2.66 g, 21.2 mmol) was added into this copper sulfate reaction mixture and heated for 95°C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and solid formed was washed with water to afford white solid cuprous bromide. The diazonium salt was portion wise added into the freshly prepared cuprous bromide in 40 mL HBr at -10°C bath temperature and the reaction mixture was then warmed to room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated at 55°C for 20 min, cooled

and then extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layer was washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (5:95 ethyl acetate: pet ether) to afford solid product.

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Synthesis of (2-Bromo-5-chloro-phenyl)-phenyl-methanone

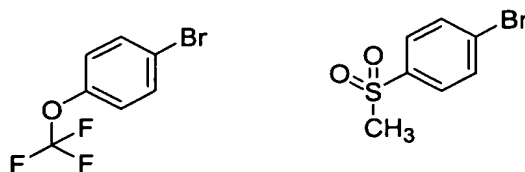


[0215] Sodium nitrite (2.5 g, 36.28 mmol) solution (40 mL) was dropwise added to the aniline (7 g, 30.2 mmol) in 100 mL HBr at -10°C bath temperature, then the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -10°C bath temperature to make diazonium salt.

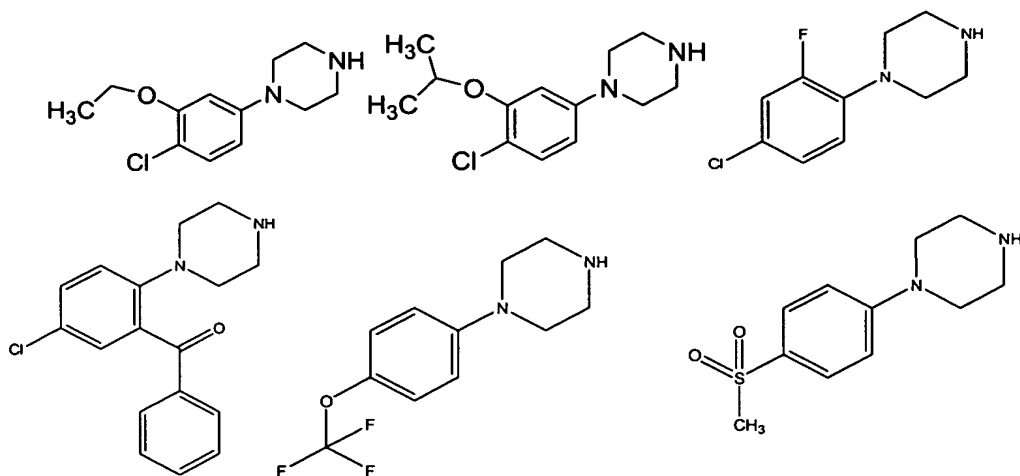
[0216] Copper sulfate (10.22 g, 24.29 mmol) and sodium bromide (3.79 g, 36.8 mmol) was heated at 60°C for 30 min. Then sodium sulfite (2.66 g, 21.2 mmol) was added into copper sulfate reaction mixture and heated for 95°C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to rt and solid formed was washed with water to afford white solid cuprous bromide.

[0217] Diazonium salt was portion wise added into the freshly prepared cuprous bromide in 40 mL HBr at -10°C bath temperature and the reaction mixture warmed to room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was heated at 55°C for 20 min, cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate three times. The combined organic layer was washed with water and saturated brine solution, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The product was purified by crystallization from DCM/Pet ether.

PROTOCOL G2: Additional examples of analogous ring systems constructed using similar Sandmeyer type strategies



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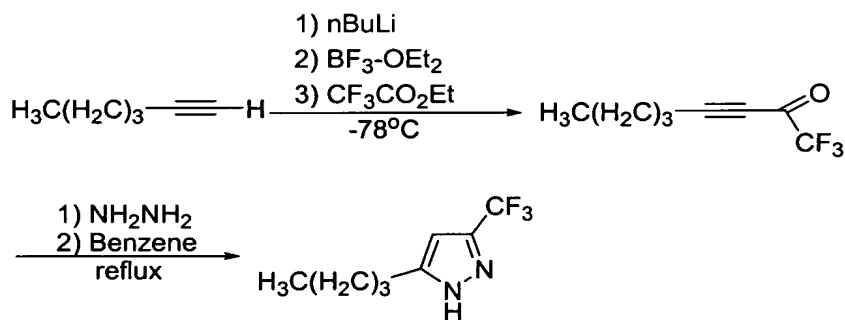
Synthesis of heteroaromatic ring systems: core ring structure formation

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[0219] The types of chemistries which can be applied to synthesize the key heteroaryl ring structures are listed below. They are separated into examples of ring formation and ring functionalization reactions.

10 PROTOCOL H: Pyrazole synthesis via addition of hydrazines to α,β -acetylenic ketones

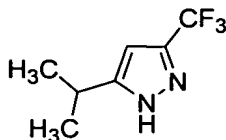
Synthesis of 5-Butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole



[0220] To a solution of 1-Hexyne (3.37 mL, 29.4 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added n-BuLi (2.78 M, 10.2 mL, 29.4 mmol). The solution was stirred at -78°C for 30 minutes then CF₃CO₂Et (3.5 mL, 29.35 mmol) and BF₃·OEt₂ were added successively. The reaction was further stirred at -78°C for 2h and was quenched with satd. NH₄Cl. It was then warmed up to the room temperature. The THF was removed, the residue taken into ether, washed with saturated brine solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and reduced. The crude product was then dissolved in benzene (25 mL) and hydrazine (29.4 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture

was refluxed overnight, then cooled, the solvent evaporated, and the residue taken into CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL), washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title compound as colorless oil.

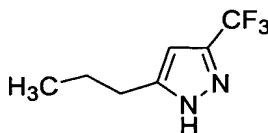
5 **Synthesis of 5-isopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.**



[0221] Following protocol H, 3-methylbutyne was treated with $n\text{-BuLi}$, $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ and $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$ in THF. Reaction with hydrazine in benzene under similar reaction conditions yielded title compound.

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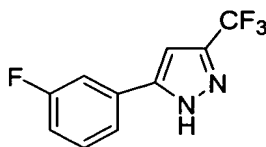
Synthesis of 5-propyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0222] Following protocol H, 1-pentyne was treated with $n\text{-BuLi}$, $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ and $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$ in THF. Reaction with hydrazine in benzene under similar reaction conditions yielded title compound.

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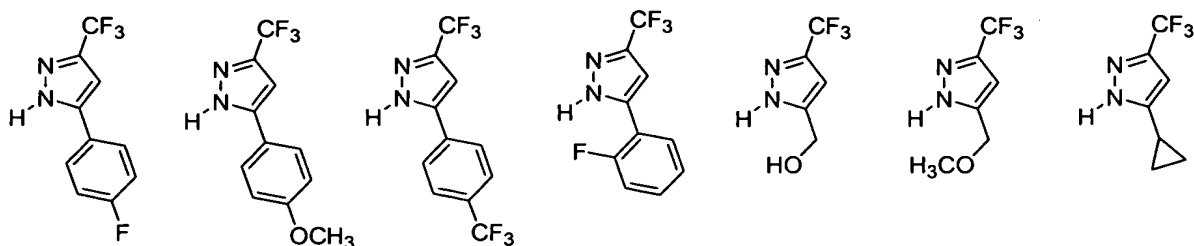
Synthesis of 5-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0223] Following protocol H, 1-Ethynyl-3-fluoro-benzene was treated with $n\text{-BuLi}$, $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ and $\text{BF}_3\text{-OEt}_2$ in THF. Reaction with hydrazine in benzene under similar reaction conditions yielded title compound.

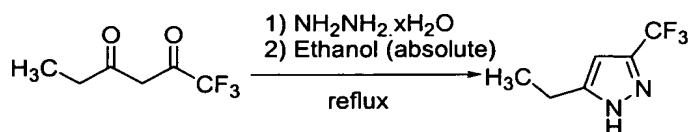
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Other pyrazoles synthesized via this method:



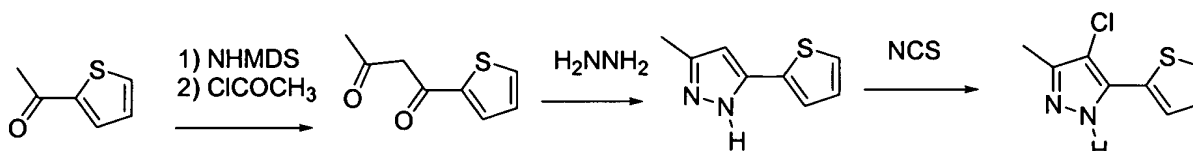
PROTOCOL I: General procedure for the synthesis of pyrazoles via condensation of hydrazines with β -diketones:

Synthesis of 5-ethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole



[0224] To a solution of 1,1,1-Trifluoro-hexane-2,4-dione (1 g, 5.95 mmol) in absolute ethanol (10 mL) was added $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ drop-wise at 0°C . The reaction mixture warmed to the room temperature during 1 hour and refluxed overnight. Ethanol was then evaporated, residue dissolved in ethyl acetate (20 mL), washed consecutively with saturated brine solution and water, dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title compound as colorless oil.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-thiophen-2-yl-pyrazole:



[0225] To a solution of 2-acetyl-thiophene (5 g, 0.04 mol) in 200 mL of THF at -78°C was added 24.5 mL of a solution of NaHMDS (0.05 mol) in hexane. After the addition was complete, the reaction was kept at this temperature for 1h. Acetyl chloride (3.4 g, 0.04 mol) was then added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and stirring was continued for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl solution, and the THF was removed *in vacuo*. The aqueous mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate layer was

washed once each with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give the diketone.

[0226] The diketone (1.6 g, 9.5 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (60 mL) and cooled to 0°C. To this solution was added hydrazine hydrate (0.6 g, 11.4 mmol) dropwise with stirring.

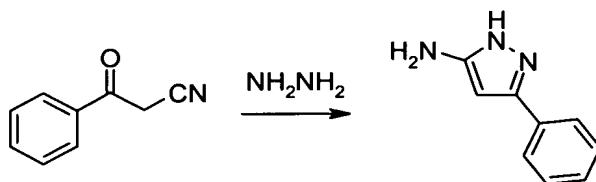
- 5 After the addition was complete, the mixture was refluxed overnight. The ethanol was evaporated *in vacuo*, and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The solution was washed once each with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 3-Methyl-5-thiophen-2-yl-pyrazole.

- 10 [0227] 3-Methyl-5-thiophen-2-yl-pyrazole (1.4 g, 8.5 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of chloroform, and N-Chlorosuccinimide (1.6 g, 11.9 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. The solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by chromatography to give 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-thiophen-2-yl-pyrazole.

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PROTOCOL J: Pyrazole synthesis via condensation of hydrazines with β -Cyanoketones

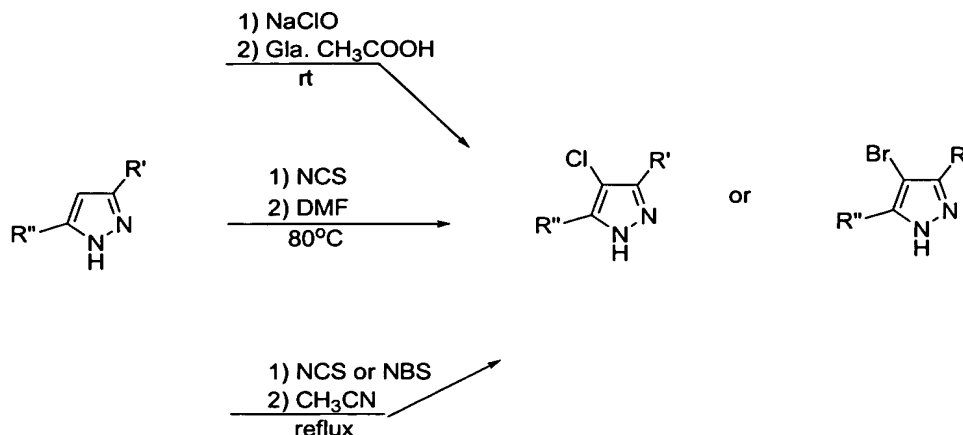
Synthesis of 5-Phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine



- 20 [0228] 2.0 g (0.0138 mol, 1eq) of benzoylacetonitrile in 40 mL of absolute ethanol was added 2.0 g (0.0399 mol, 3eq) of anhydrous hydrazine and the reaction mixture stirred at 85°C for 2 h. Ethanol was removed at 50 °C under vacuum. 5-Phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine, obtained as a yellow solid, was washed with pet ether (100 mL) and dried under vacuum.

Synthesis of functionalized heteroaryl ring systems

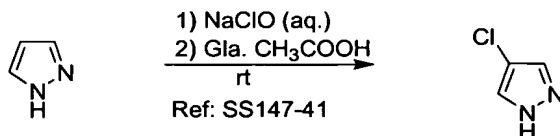
Chlorination or bromination of Pyrazoles



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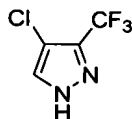
PROTOCOL K: chlorination of pyrazoles with NaOCl in glacial Acetic acid

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-1H-pyrazole.



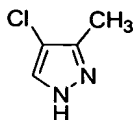
- 10 [0229] To a solution of pyrazole (0.5 g, 7.34 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (4 mL) was added NaOCl (0.55 g, 7.34 mmol). The reaction mixture was left at room temperature for 18h, then neutralized with saturated Na_2CO_3 solution, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 x 25 mL), the combined organic layers evaporated, then diluted with NaOH, and further extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 X 20 mL). The organic extracts were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and
- 15 evaporated to give the title compound as a white solid.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole



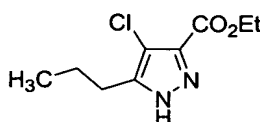
- [0230] Following protocol K, 3-trifluoromethylpyrazole was treated with glacial acetic acid
- 20 and NaOCl, yielding title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0231] Following protocol K, 3-methylpyrazole was treated with glacial acetic acid and NaOCl, yielding title compound.

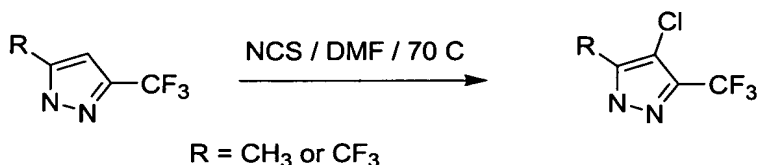
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-propyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.



[0232] Following protocol K, 5-propyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester was treated with glacial acetic acid and NaOCl under similar reaction conditions, yielding the title compound.

PROTOCOL L: chlorination or bromination of pyrazoles with N-chlorosuccinimide (NCS) or N-bromosuccinimide (NBS):

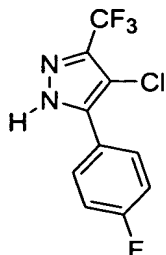
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole



[0233] 3-methyl-5-trifluoromethylpyrazole or 3,5-bistrifluoromethylpyrazole was taken into dry DMF (20 mL) and N-chloro succinimide (1.78 g) was added in portions. The mixture was then heated at 70°C for 22 h, cooled to room temperature, and then water (100 mL) was added and the mixture extracted with ethyl acetate (4X25 mL). The organic layer was washed with water and brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent afforded the title compounds.

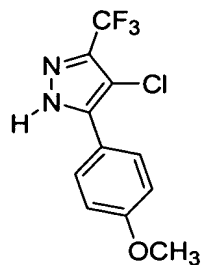
Other halogenated pyrazoles prepared using protocol L

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



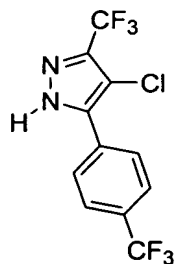
- 5 [0234] Following protocol L, 5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



- 10 [0235] Following protocol L, 5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



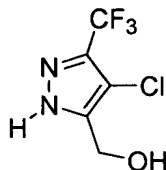
- 15 [0236] Following protocol L, 5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



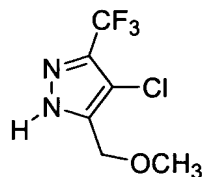
[0237] Following protocol L, 5-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazole was
5 treated with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of (4-Chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-methanol:



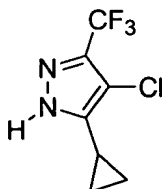
[0238] Following protocol L, (5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-methanol was treated
10 with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-methoxymethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



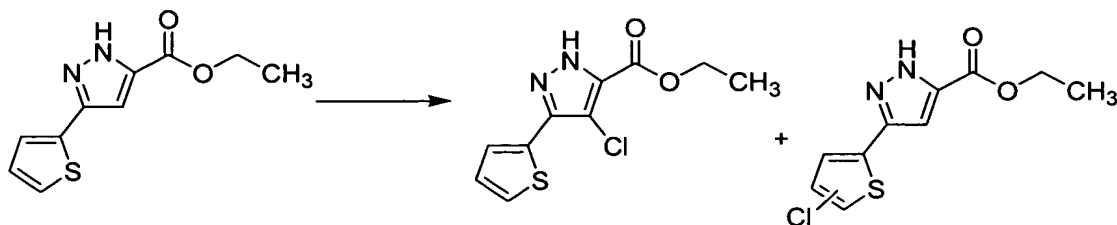
[0239] Following protocol L, 5-methoxymethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated
15 with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-cyclopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole:



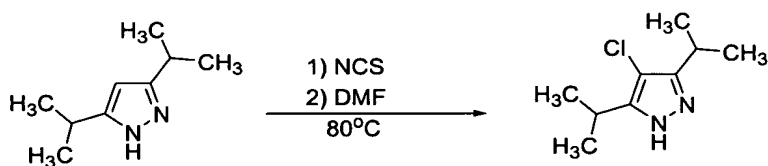
[0240] Following protocol L, 5-cyclopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated
20 with NCS in acetonitrile to yield the title compound.

Syntheses of 4-Chloro-5-thiophen-2-yl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



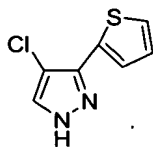
[0241] Pyrazole(1eq) in DMF (0.14M Solution) was treated with NCS (1.5 eq.) in portions, and when all the NCS was dissolved in the reaction mixture, it was then heated at 70°C overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to rt and quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate and dried in MgSO₄. Two products were isolated, including the title compound

10 Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3, 5-diisopropyl-pyrazole



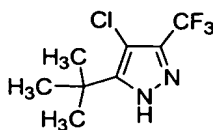
[0242] Following protocol L, a the solution of 3, 5-diisopropyl-pyrazole (0.5 g , 3.57 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added NCS (0.72 g , 5.3 mmol) in portions under vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was then heated at 80°C for 14h and then the reaction was quenched with water. It was then extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 30 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine. The organic extracts were combined and dried with Na₂SO₄ and finally evaporated to give the title compound as colorless oil.

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-thiophen-2-yl-1H-pyrazole.



[0243] Following protocol L, 3-thiophen-2-yl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in DMF., to yield title compound.

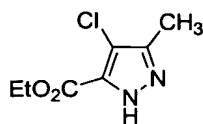
Synthesis of 5-tert-Butyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0244] Following protocol L, 5-tert-butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in DMF to yield title compound.

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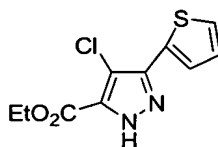
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.



[0245] Following protocol L, 3-methyl-2H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester was treated with NCS in DMF to yield the title compound.

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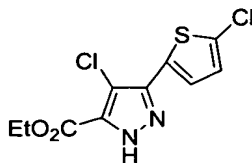
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-thiophen-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.



[0246] Following protocol L, 3-Thiophen-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester was treated with NCS in DMF to yield the title compound.

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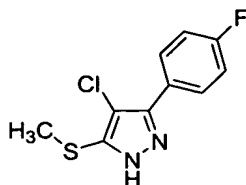
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(5-chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.



[0247] Following protocol L, 3-Thiophen-2-yl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester was treated with NCS in DMF under to yield the title compound.

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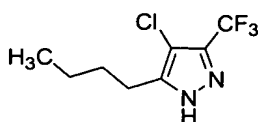
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0248] Following protocol L, 3-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in to yield the title compound.

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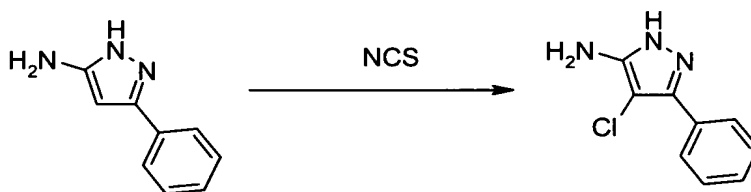
Synthesis of 5-Butyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0249] Following protocol L, 5-butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in DMF to yield the title compound.

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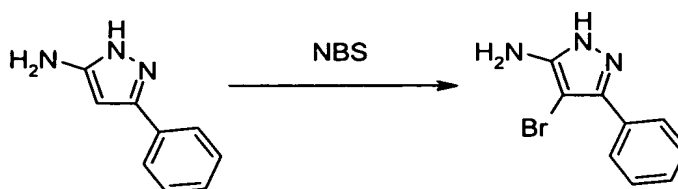
Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine



[0250] Following protocol L, to 0.5 g (0.0031 mol, 1eq) of 5-phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine in 25 mL of dry acetonitrile was added 0.4 g (0.0031 mol, 1eq) of N-chlorosuccinimide portion wise and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water, brine and concentrated. The product was purified by 60-120 silica gel column (1% of methanol in chloroform).

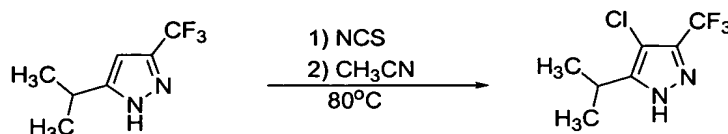
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20 Synthesis of 4-Bromo-5-phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine



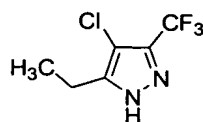
[0251] Following protocol L, to 0.5 g (0.0031 mol, 1eq) of 5-phenyl-1-pyrazol-3-amine in 25 mL of dry acetonitrile was added 0.55 g (0.0031 mol, 1eq) of N-bromosuccinimide portion wise and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water, brine and concentrated. The product was purified by 60-120 silica gel column (1% of methanol in chloroform).

Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-isopropyl-3-trifluoromethylpyrazole.



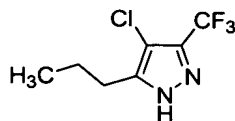
[0252] Following protocol L, to the solution of 3-trifluoromethyl- 5-isopropyl-pyrazole (0.22 g , 1.23 mmol) in CH₃CN (10 mL) was added NCS (0.19 g , 1.43 mmol) in portions with vigorous stirring. The reaction mixture was then heated under reflux for 14h, cooled and the reaction quenched with saturated NaHCO₃, extracted with methylene chloride (2 x 30 mL) and the combined organic extracts was washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to give the title compound as a white solid.

Synthesis of 4-chloro-5-Ethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



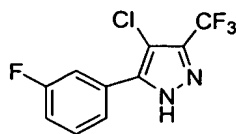
[0253] Following protocol L, 5-ethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in CH₃CN to yield title compound

Synthesis of 4-chloro-5-propyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0254] Following protocol L, 5-propyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in CH₃CN to yield the title compound.

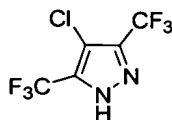
Synthesis of 4-chloro-5-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0255] Following protocol L, 5-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in CH₃CN to yield the title compound.

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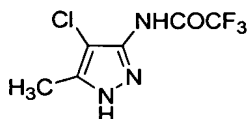
Synthesis of 4-chloro-3,5-bistrifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole.



[0256] Following protocol L, 3,5-bistrifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole was treated with NCS in CH₃CN to yield the title compound.

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Synthesis of N-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-acetamide.

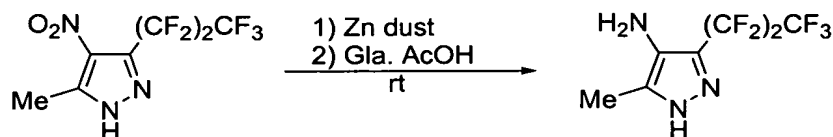


[0257] Following protocol L, 2,2,2-Trifluoro-N-(5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-acetamide was treated with NCS in CH₃CN to yield the title compound.

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PROTOCOL M: General procedure for reduction of Nitropyrazoles

Synthesis of 3-Heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylamine.

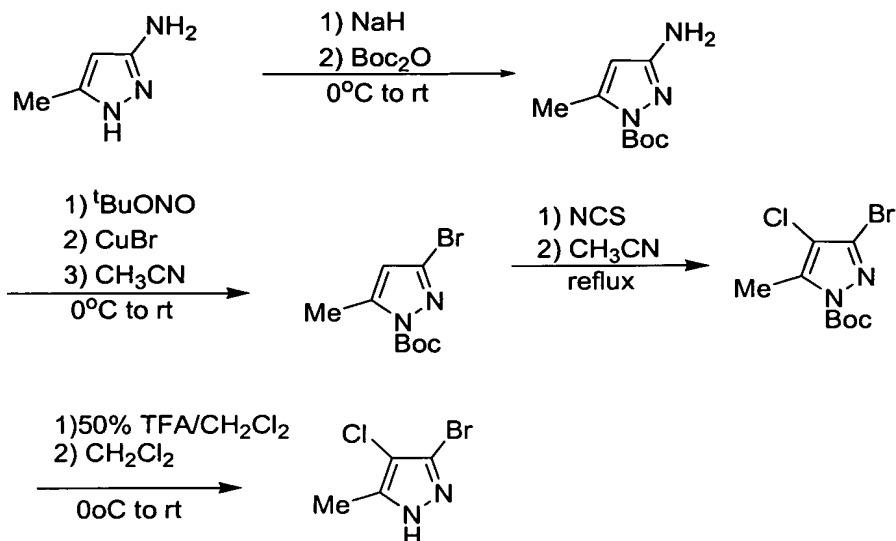


20 [0258] To a suspension of zinc dust (1.5 g) in glacial acetic acid (10 mL) was added drop-wise, a solution of 3-Heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-4-nitro-1H-pyrazole (0.295 g, 1.0 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (5 mL). The reaction mixture was then allowed to stir at room temperature for 14h. The zinc salts were then removed by filtration and the residue washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extract was concentrated in vacuum, re-dissolved

in CHCl_3 , washed with NaHCO_3 , water and brine. Finally the organic layer was dried with Na_2SO_4 and solvent evaporated to give the title compound as white solid.

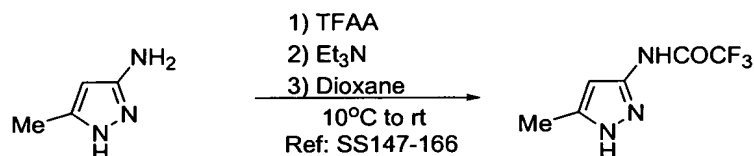
Synthesis of Bromo-pyrazoles for aryl-aryl cross coupling reactions and for metal

5 mediated aminations



General procedure for trifluoroacetylation of aminopyrazoles:

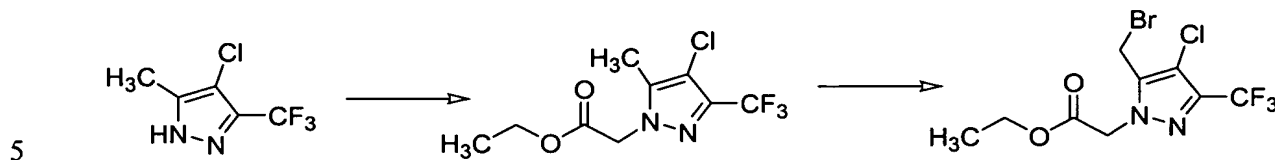
10 Synthesis of 2,2,2-Trifluoro-N-(5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-acetamide.



- [0259] To a solution of 3-amino-5-methylpyrazole (0.97 g, 10 mmol) and Et_3N (1.39 mL, 10 mmol) in dioxane (25 mL) was added Trifluoroacetic anhydride (TFAA) (1.39 mL, 10 mmol) drop-wise at 10°C . The reaction mixture was stirred at that temperature for 1h then slowly warmed to room temperature through next 1h. Once the reaction is over dioxane was evaporated, residue resolved in water (20 mL), washed with methylene chloride (30 mL). Organic layer was then dried with Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give the title compound as white solid.

PROTOCOL N: Functionalization of alkyl substituted heteroaryl ring systems:
aminomethylation

Synthesis of (5-Bromomethyl-4-chloro-3-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

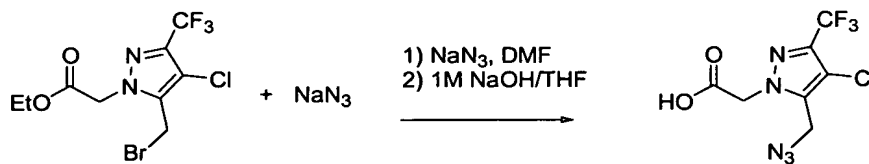


Reagents and Conditions: i) $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Et}/\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$; ii) $\text{NBS}/\text{AIBN}/\text{CCl}_4$

[0260] 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, (10g, 54 mmol) was dissolved in acetonitrile (100 mL) and potassium carbonate (30g, 0.215 mol) added. After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour, ethyl bromoacetate (11 g, 65 mmol) was added. After 14h at 70°C, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to obtain the crude product, which was re-crystallized from petroleum ether.

[0261] This intermediate ester (5 g, 0.019 mol) was taken in CCl_4 (100 mL) and AIBN (0.053 g, 0.33 mmol) was added to it under nitrogen. The mixture was irradiated with a regular light bulb. The mixture was brought to reflux and then NBS (3.42 g, 0.019 mol), in four portions in 15 min intervals, was added to the mixture. After complete addition the mixture was left refluxing under the influence of light for 3h. The reaction mixture was then filtered and the filtrate was washed with water and brine. Drying the organic layer (Na_2SO_4) followed by evaporation of the solvent afforded (5-Bromomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester.

PROTOCOL O: Synthesis of (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid:



[0262] To 4.6 g (13.2 mmol) of (5-Bromomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester dissolved in 40 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide was added 1.03 g (15.8 mmol) of sodium azide. After stirring for 12 hours, the solution was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, the aqueous phase was back-

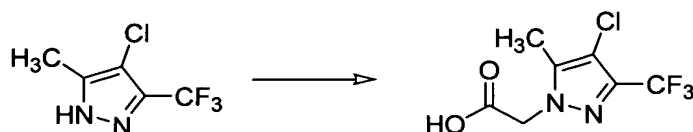
extracted with ethyl acetate and the combined ethyl acetate phases were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield an orange oil.

[0263] The oil was dissolved in 25 mL of tetrahydrofuran, 25 mL of 1M NaOH was added, and the mixture was stirred vigorously for three hours. The tetrahydrofuran was then removed *in vacuo*, and the aqueous solution was washed once with ether. The aqueous phase was then acidified with 1M HCl, and extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to yield the title compounds as an orange solid.

10 Coupling of pyrazolyl systems with carboxylic acid equivalents

[0264] The following synthesis is an example of this type of chemistry: additional examples (procedure N) have been described above.

15 Synthesis of 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethylpyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid



Reagents and conditions: BrCH₂CO₂Et/K₂CO₃/CH₃CN, then LiOH/THF

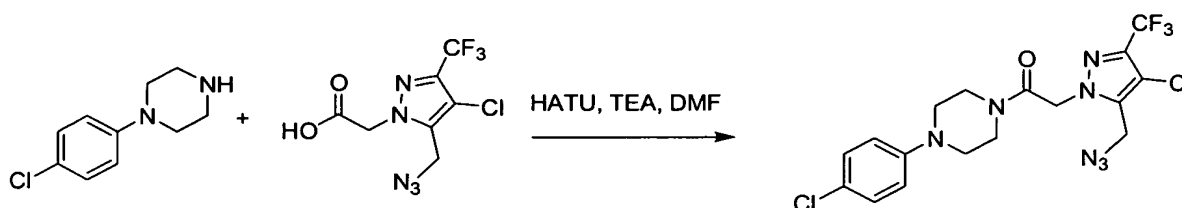
[0265] 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethylpyrazole (10g, 0.0539 mol) was taken up in acetonitrile (100 mL) and K₂CO₃ (30g, 0.213 mol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred at rt for 1h and ethyl bromoacetate (11 g, 0.065 mol) was added slowly to it. The mixture was then stirred for 12h at 70°C. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to get a crude mixture. This crude product was re-crystallized from pet ether to obtain the corresponding ester

[0266] The ester (14.8 g, 0.0565 mol) was dissolved in THF (100 mL) and a solution of LiOH (6.9 g) in water (50 mL) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 10h at room temperature. Excess THF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the aqueous layer was washed with ethyl acetate to remove any unhydrolysed material. The aqueous layer was then acidified with 1.5N HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate layer was dried

and concentrated to obtain the crude acid. On re-crystallization from ether/petroleum ether, the product was obtained as white crystals.

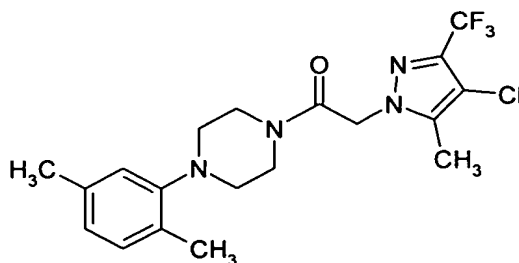
5 **PROTOCOL P: Couplings of arylpiperazines with pyrazolyl-acetic acid derivatives - compounds prepared by HATU mediated coupling:**

Synthesis of 2-(5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



10 [0267] To 2.71 g (13.7 mmol) of 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)piperazine and 3.58 g (12.5 mmol) of (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid in 40 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide was added 4.36 mL (31.2 mmol) of triethylamine. The solution was cooled to 0°C, and 5.21 g (13.7 mmol) of O-(7-Azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU) was added. After 2 hours the reaction was
 15 diluted with two volumes of water, and the solvent was decanted away from the resulting oil. The oil was crystallized by dissolving in methanol and adding water in small portions. The product was isolated as a white solid by filtration: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.23 (d, 2H), 6.97 (d, 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.12 (m, 2H) ppm;
 20 MS (ES) M+H expected = 462.1, found = 462.0.

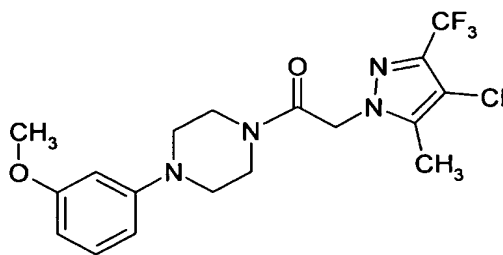
Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0268] To 38 mg (0.20 mmol) of 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)piperazine and 53 mg (0.22 mmol) of (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid in 1.6 mL of anhydrous dimethylformamide was added 62 mg (0.6 mmol) of triethylamine, followed by 84 mg (0.22 mmol) of O-(7-Azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HATU). After 6 hours, the reaction was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate, and the combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once each with 0.5M pH = 7 phosphate buffer, water, 1M NaOH, water, brine. The ethyl acetate phase was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to a residue *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a minimum volume of 5M HCl in isopropanol, and was precipitated by diluting the solution with ethyl acetate. The product was isolated by filtration to give a white solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.07 (d, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.66 (m, 4H), 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 415.1, found 415.1.

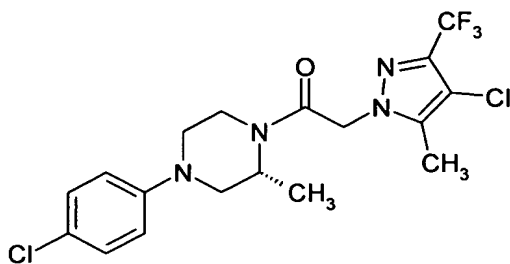
Examples of additional compounds prepared by HATU mediated coupling:

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



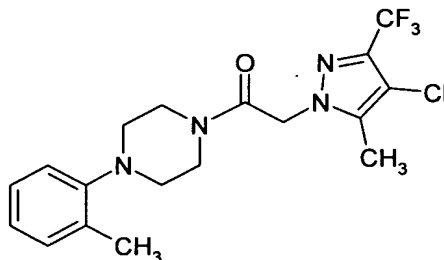
[0269] Title compound was prepared following protocol P, wherein 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a white solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.15 (t, 1H), 6.65 (d, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.47 (d, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.65 (m, 4H), 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.19 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 417.1, found = 417.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



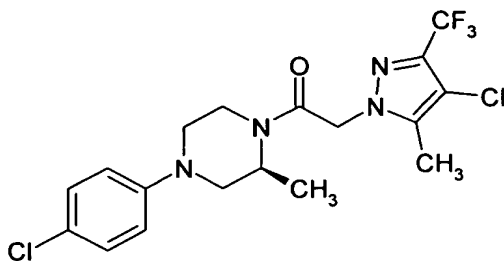
[0270] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(R)-methylpiperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300MHz) 7.25 (d 2H), 6.83 (d, 2H), 4.91 (m, 3H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.40 (m, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 435.1, found 435.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



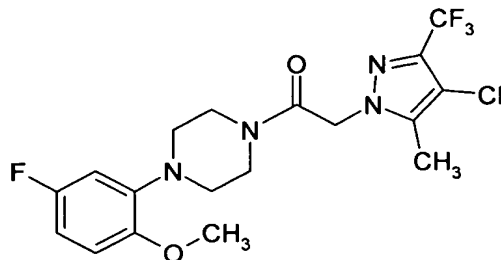
[0271] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Methylphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 401.1, found = 401.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



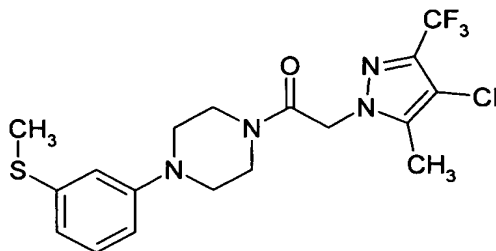
[0272] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(*S*)-methylpiperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300MHz) 7.25 (d, 2H), 6.83 (d, 2H), 4.91 (m, 3H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.80-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.86 (m, 1H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.40 (m, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 435.1, found = 435.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(5-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



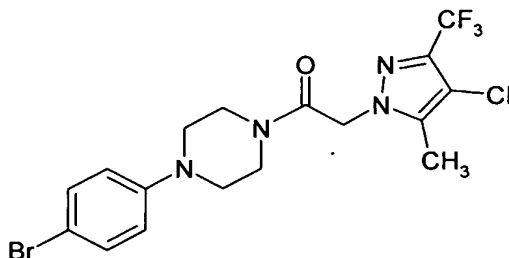
[0273] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Methoxy-5-fluorophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.77 (m, 3H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect 435.1, found 435.0.

Synthesis of 2-{4-chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl}-1-[4-(3-Methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



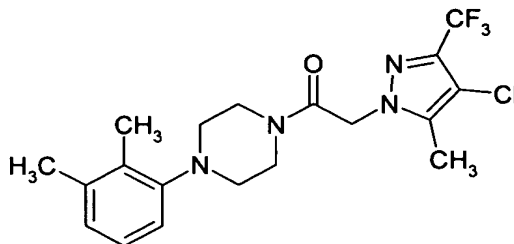
[0274] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Methylthiophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.21 (t, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.91 (d, 1H), 6.81 (d, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.34 (m, 2H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect 433.1, found 433.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



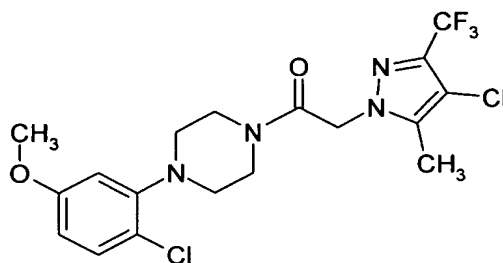
[0275] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Bromophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.36 (d, 2H), 6.92 (d, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 465.0, found = 465.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



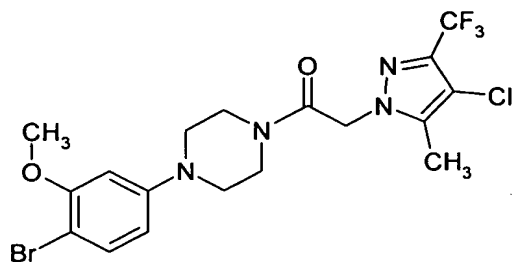
[0276] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,3-Dimethylphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.04 (t, 1H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.64 (m, 4H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.21 (m, 9H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect 415.1, found 415.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



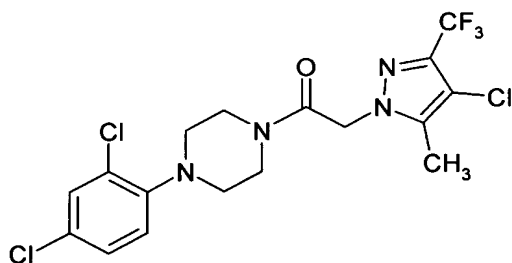
[0277] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Chloro-5-methoxyphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.31 (d, 1H), 6.65 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 451.1, found = 451.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



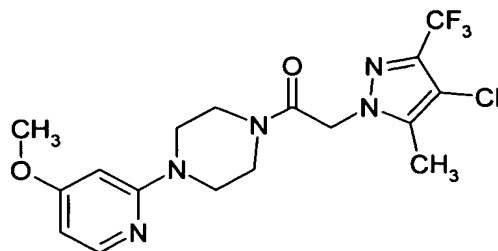
[0278] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.34 (d, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.52 (d, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.30 (m, 2H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 495.0, found = 495.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



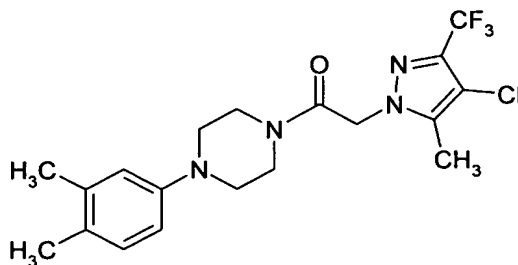
[0279] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,4-Dichlorophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H), 7.15 (d, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect 455.0, found = 454.9.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



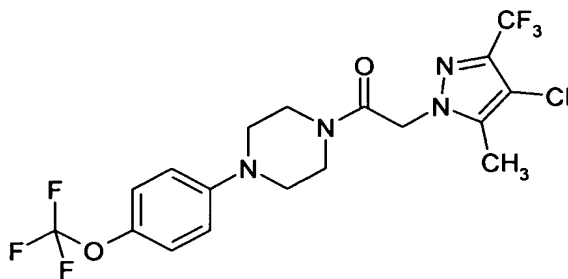
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



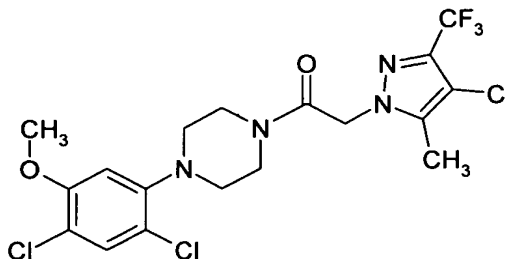
[0281] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3,4-Dimethylphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.03 (d, 1H), 6.94 (br s, 1H), 6.84 (br s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.14 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 415.1, found = 415.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



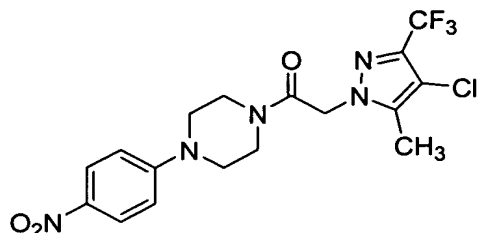
[0282] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Trifluoromethoxyphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.20 (d, 2H), 7.04 (d, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 471.1, found = 471.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



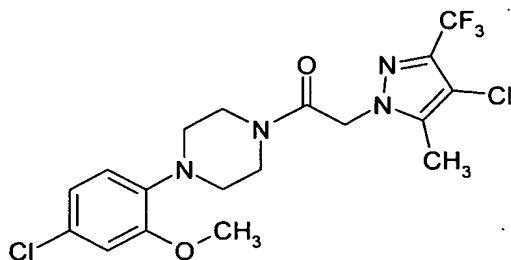
[0283] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,4-Dichloro-5-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.50 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 485.1, found = 485.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]ethanone:



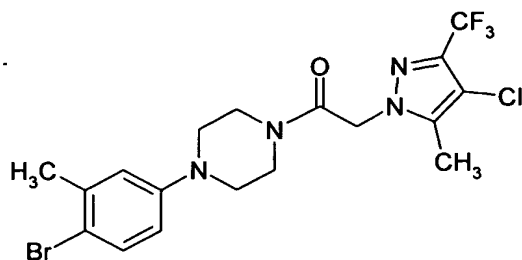
[0284] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a yellow solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 8.05 (d, 2H), 7.01 (d, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.62 (m, 6H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 432.1, found = 432.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



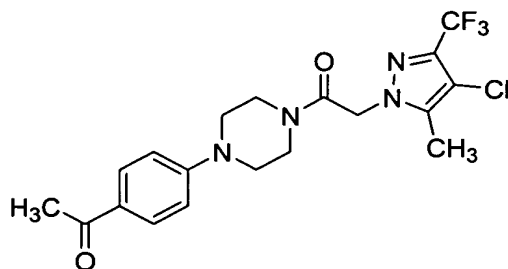
[0285] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-2-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.36 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.03 (m, 2H), 2.95 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 451.1, found = 451.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



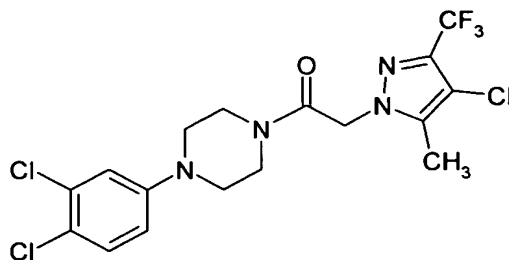
[0286] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Bromo-3-methylphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.38 (d, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 479.0, found = 478.9.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Acetyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



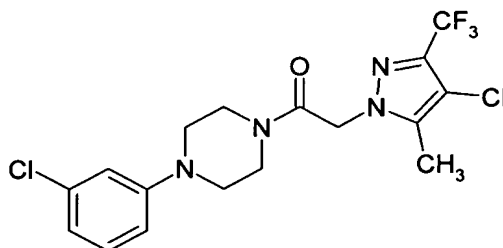
[0287] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Acetyl-phenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.80 (d, 1H), 6.98 (d, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.48 (m, 2H), 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 429.1, found = 429.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



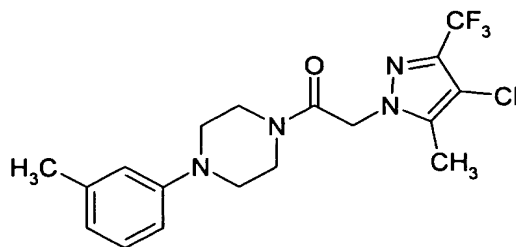
[0288] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.40 (d, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 455.0, found = 455.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1yl]-ethanone:



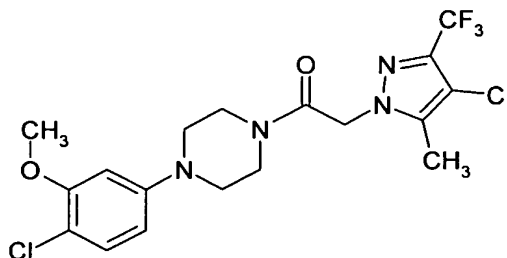
[0289] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.23 (t, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, 1H), 6.79 (d, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.19 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 421.1, found = 421.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-m-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone



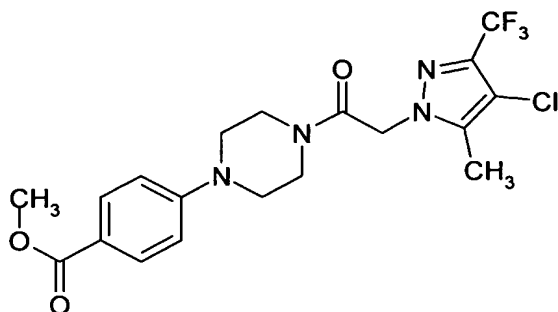
[0290] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Methylphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.17 (t, 1H), 6.97 (br, 2H), 6.77 (d, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 401.1, found = 401.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



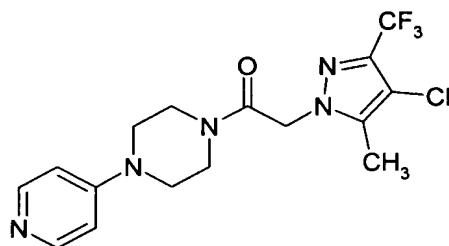
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Synthesis of 4-{4-[2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzoic acid methyl ester:



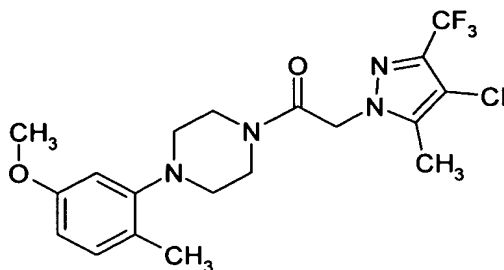
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3,5-dimethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-pyridin-4-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone



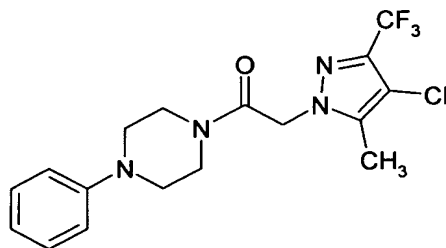
[0293] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-pyridyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 8.28 (d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 4H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 388.1, found = 388.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(5-methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



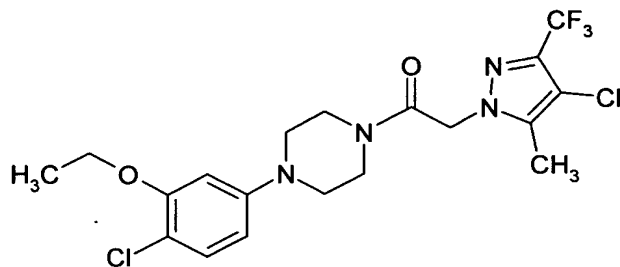
[0294] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Methoxy-5-methylphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.06 (d, 1H), 6.56 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 431.1, found = 431.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



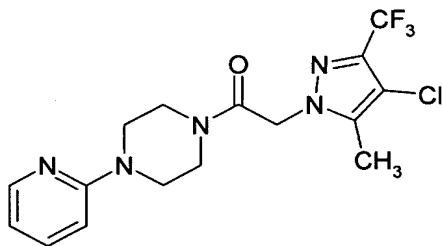
[0295] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-Phenylpiperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.32 (m 4H), 7.02 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.39 (m, 2H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) expect M+H = 387.1, found 387.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-ethoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



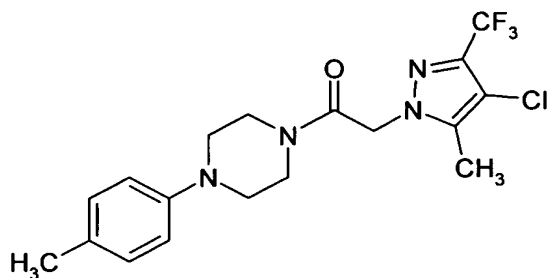
[0296] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-ethoxyphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.20 (d, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.08 (q, 2H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 465.1, found 465.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-pyridin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



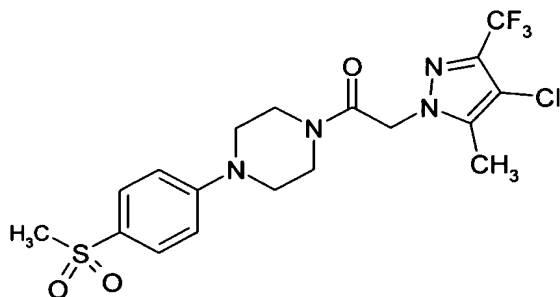
[0297] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Pyridyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 8.11 (d, 1H), 7.53 (t, 1H), 6.85 (d, 1H), 6.65 (t, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.59-3.50 (m, 8H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 388.1, found = 388.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-p-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



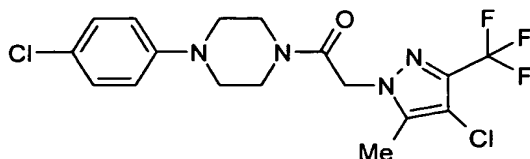
[0298] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Methylphenyl)piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.20 (m, 4H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.79 (m, 4H), 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.28 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 401.1, found 401.0.

Synthesis of 1-[(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



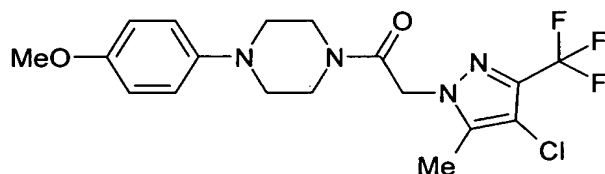
[0299] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.69 (d, 2H), 7.08 (d, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.59 (m, 4H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.38 (m, 2H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 465.1, found = 465.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone.



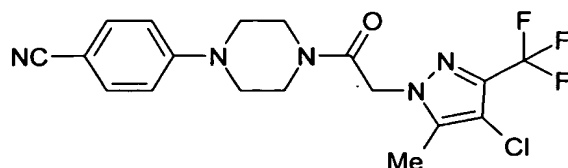
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone.



[0301] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 6.88 (m, 4H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.78 (m, 3H), 3.76 (m, 2H), 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.08 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+Na expected = 439.0, found 439.0.

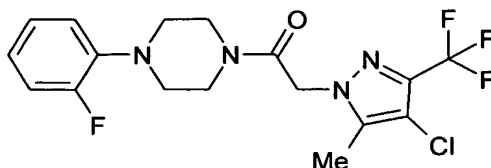
Synthesis of 4-{4-[2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzonitrile



[0302] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Cyanophenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR

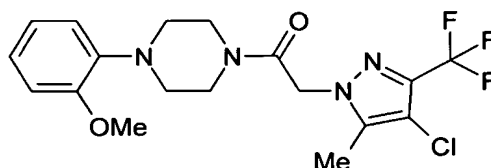
(CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.44 (d, 2H), 6.77 (d, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.67 (m, 4H), 3.29 (m, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+Na expected = 434.0, found 434.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



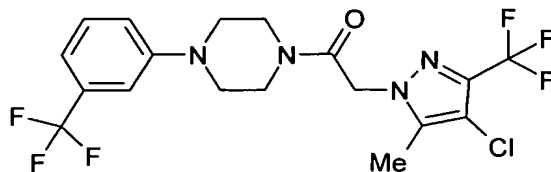
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



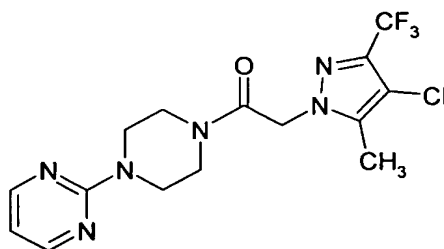
[0304] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 6.62 (m, 1H), 6.48 (m, 3H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 439.0, found 439.1.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone.



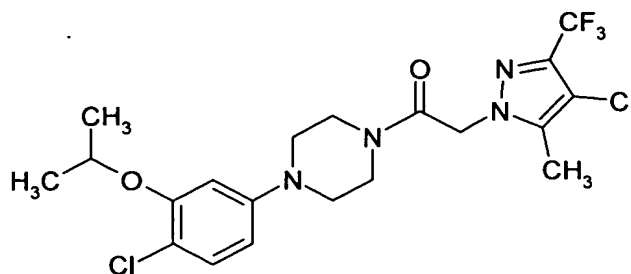
[0305] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 455.0, found 455.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0306] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Pyrimidinyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: MS (ES) M+H expected = 389.1, found = 389.0; HPLC retention time = 3.99 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

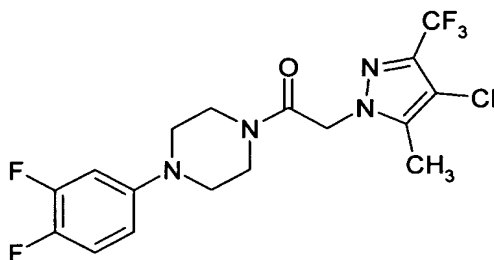
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-isopropoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



[0307] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-isopropoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.21 (d, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.53 (d, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.66 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, 6H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 479.1, found = 479.0.

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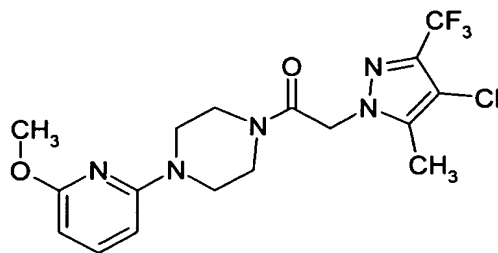
Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0308] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz, not F-decoupled) 7.25 (q, 1H), 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.12 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 423.1, found 423.0.

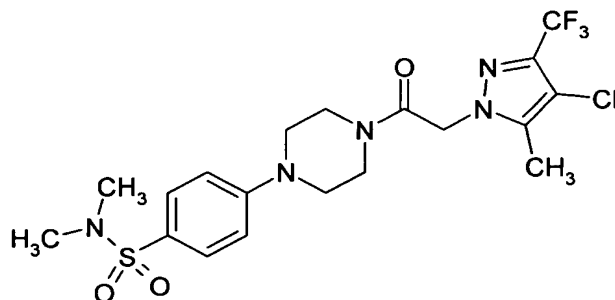
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(6-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



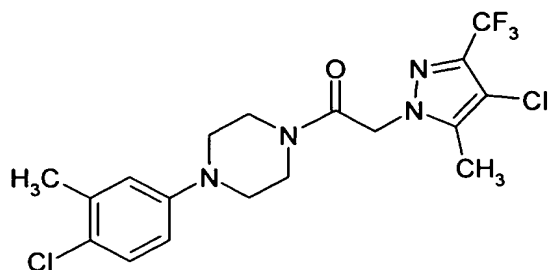
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Synthesis of 4-{4-[2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-N,N-dimethyl-benzenesulfonamide:



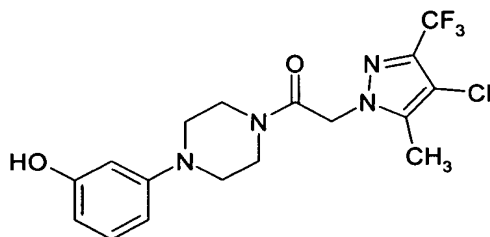
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



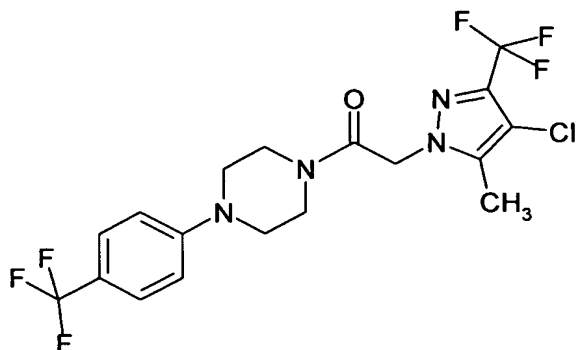
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(3-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



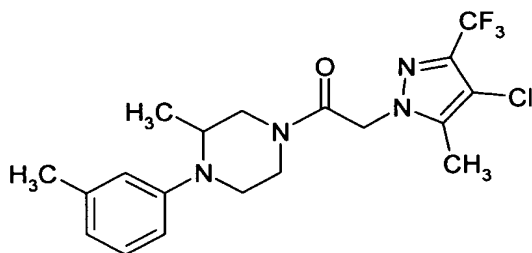
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



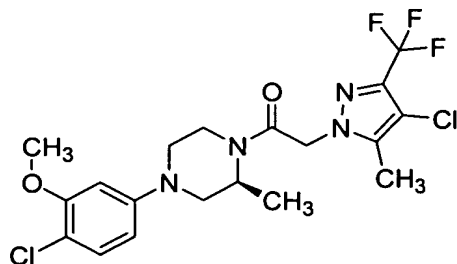
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(3-methyl-4-m-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethanone:



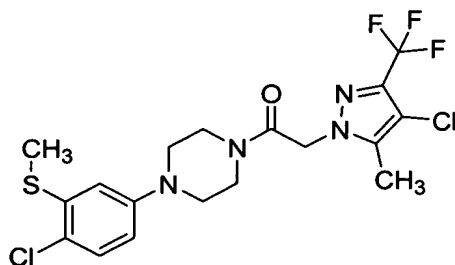
[0314] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Methylphenyl)-2-methyl-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400MHz) 7.68 (br, 1H), 7.17 (br, 1H), 6.71 (br, 2H), 5.41 (m, 2H), 4.08 (m, 4H), 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.50 (br m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.01 (m, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) $M+H$ expected = 415.1, found = 415.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



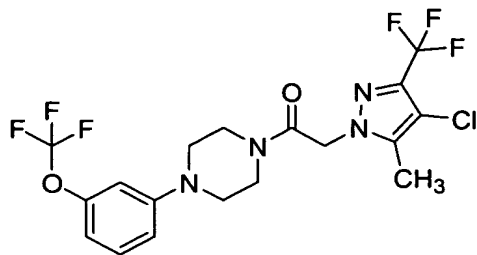
- 5 **[0315]** Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz, 95°C) δ 7.16 (d, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.48 (d, 1H), 5.26 (br, 2H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.01 (m, 4H), 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.29 (d, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 465.1, found = 465.0.
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



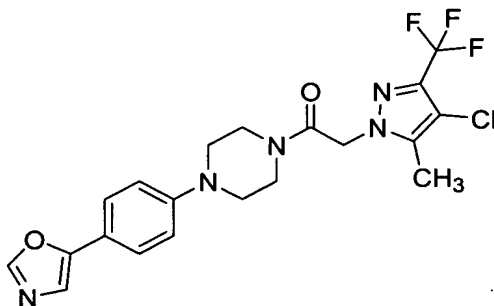
- 15 **[0316]** Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methylsulfanyl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 467.0, found = 467.0.
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(3-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



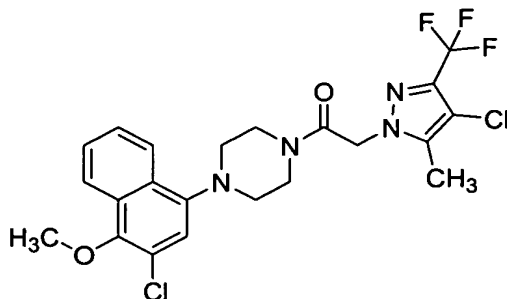
[0317] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-Trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.33 (t, 1H), 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.76 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 471.0, found = 471.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-oxazol-5-yl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



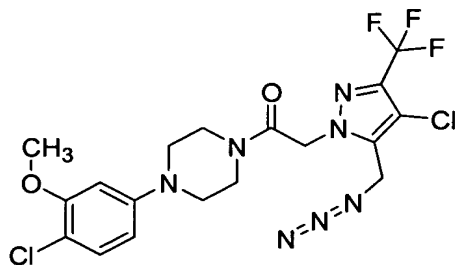
[0318] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-oxazol-5-yl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 454.0, found = 454.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(3-Chloro-4-methoxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



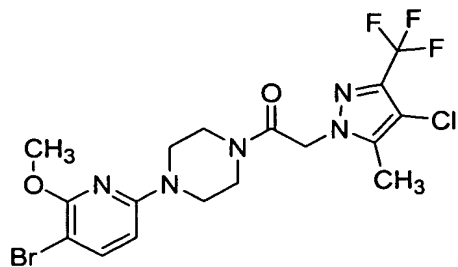
[0319] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-[4-(3-Chloro-4-methoxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.22 (m, 1H), 8.07 (m, 1H), 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 501.0, found = 501.0.

Synthesis of 2-(5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



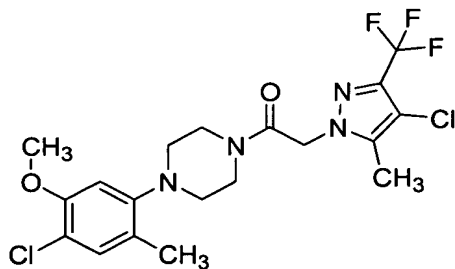
[0320] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.21 (d, 1H), 6.71 (d, 1H), 6.53 (dd, 1H), 5.50 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 2H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 492.0, found = 492.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(5-Bromo-6-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



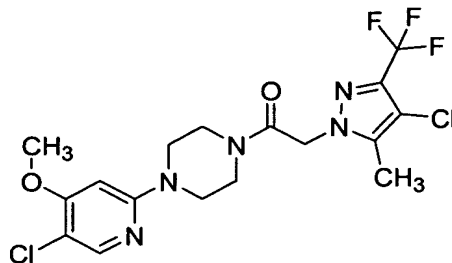
[0321] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(5-Bromo-6-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.69 (d, 1H), 6.37 (d, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.55 (m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 3H) pm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 496.0, found = 496.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



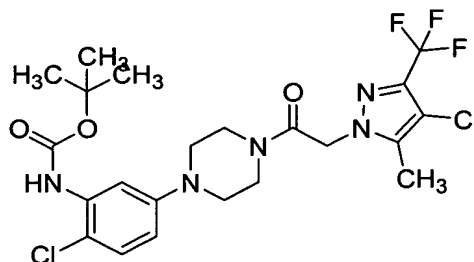
[0322] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-5-methoxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: MS (ES) M+H expect = 465.0, found = 465.0; HPLC retention time = 5.27 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 1-[4-(5-Chloro-4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



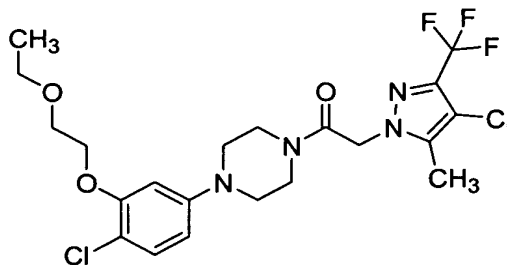
- 5 [0323] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(5-Chloro-4-methoxy-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.13 (m, 1H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H
10 expect = 452.0, found = 452.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(3-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



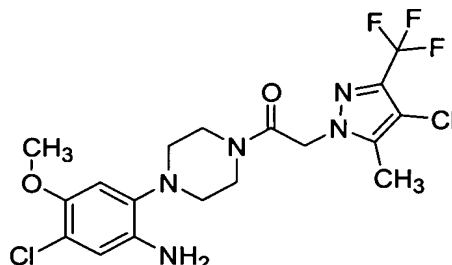
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20 [0324] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(3-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.78 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H),
25 1.45 (s, 9H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 536.0, found = 536.0.

Synthesis of 1-{4-[4-Chloro-3-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



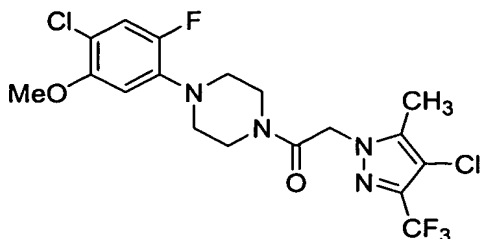
[0325] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.22 (d, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.45 (d, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.17 (t, 2H), 3.84 (t, 2H) 3.77 (t, 2H), 3.71 (t, 2H), 3.64 (q, 2H), 3.16 (m, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 449.0, found = 449.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(2-Amino-4-chloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



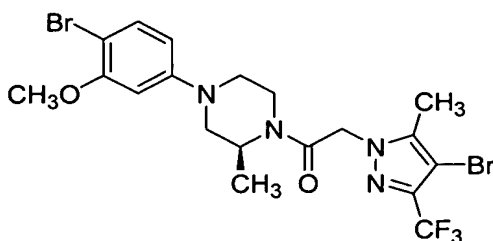
[0326] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2-Amino-4-chloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.70 (m, 4H), 2.92 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 449.0, found = 449.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



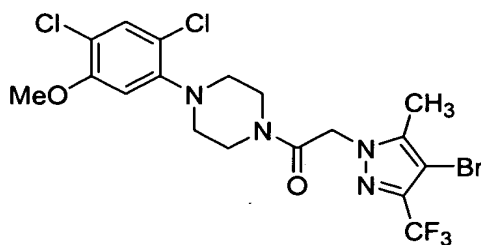
[0327] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (d, 1H), 6.50 (d, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.83-3.74 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.08 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H) MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 469.1, found = 469.0

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



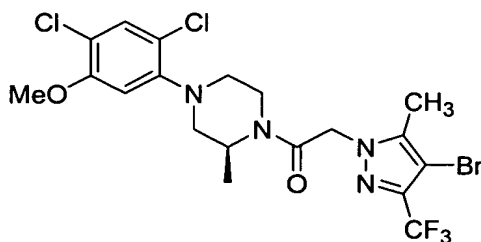
[0328] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine and (4-Bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.60-2.90 (m, 7H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, 3H); HPLC retention time = 7.25 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 minute isocratic period at 95%B.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(2,4-Dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



- 5 **[0329]** Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.82- 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.08- 3.02 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H); HPLC retention time = 7.72
- 10 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 minute isocratic period at 95%B.

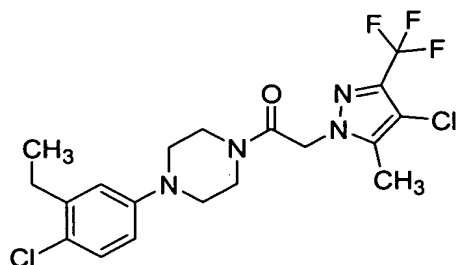
- 15 **Synthesis of 1-[4-(2,4-Dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:**



- [0330]** Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine and (4-Bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.99 (d, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.54- 2.73 (m, 7H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.52 (d, 3H); HPLC retention time = 7.92
- 20 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B
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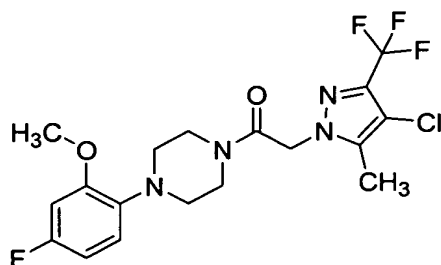
(A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 minute isocratic period at 95%B.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-ethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



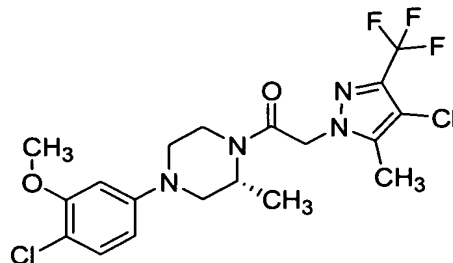
[0331] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-ethyl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.03 (, 1H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 5.40 (d, 2H), 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.64 (q, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 449.0, found = 449.0.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



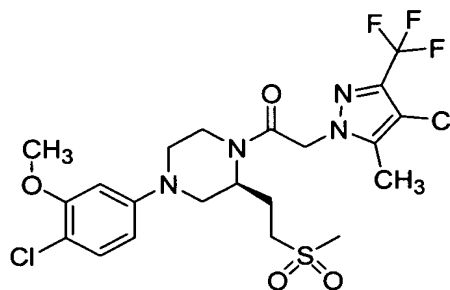
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



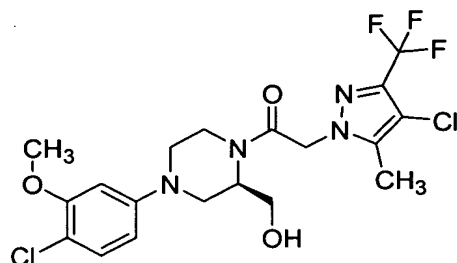
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



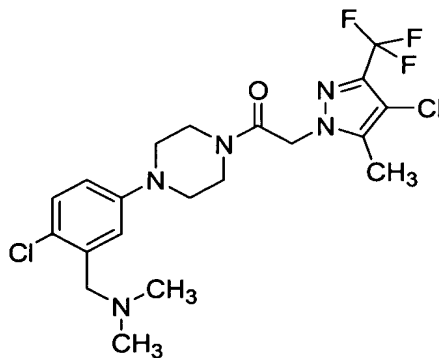
[0334] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-(2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.67 (m, 1H), 6.52 (m, 1H), 5.49 (m, 1H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.21 (par.obsc.m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.65 (m, 4H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.26 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.05 (m, 1H) ppm (rotamers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 557.0, found = 557.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



- 5 [0335] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400MHz) δ 7.21 (d, 1H), 6.66 (m, 1H), 6.52 (m, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.24 (t, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H),
10 3.83-3.63 (m, 4 H), 3.04-2.62 (m, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H) ppm (rotamers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 481.0, found = 481.0.

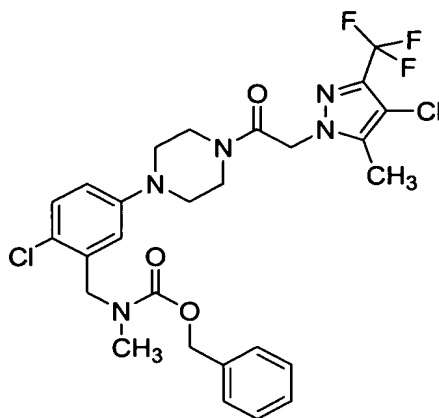
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylaminomethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



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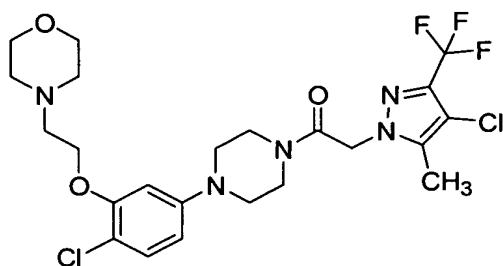
- [0336] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein (2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-benzyl)-dimethyl-amine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the
20 product as a solid: ^1H NMR (CDCl $_3$, 400MHz) δ 7.32 (d, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.88 (dd, 1H), 5.01 (s, 3H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.75 (t, 2H), 3.65 (t, 2H), 3.25 (t, 2H), 3.20 (t, 2H), 2.86 (s, 6H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 481.0, found = 481.0.

Synthesis of (2-Chloro-5-{4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester:



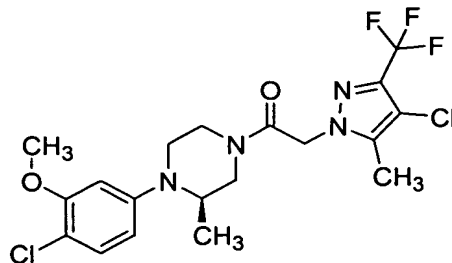
- 5 [0337] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein (2-Chloro-5-piperazin-1-yl-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: MS (ES) M+H expect = 481.0, found = 481.0.

- 10 **Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-{4-[4-chloro-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethanone:**



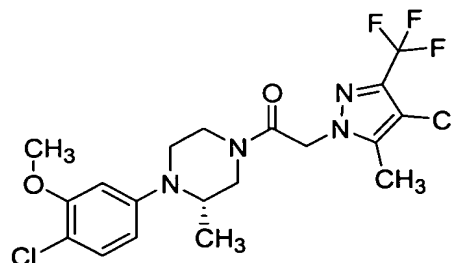
- 15 [0338] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-[4-chloro-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.27 (d, 1H), 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.60 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 4.48 (m, 2H), 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.62 (m, 8H), 3.30 (par obsc m, 6H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 550.0, found = 551.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



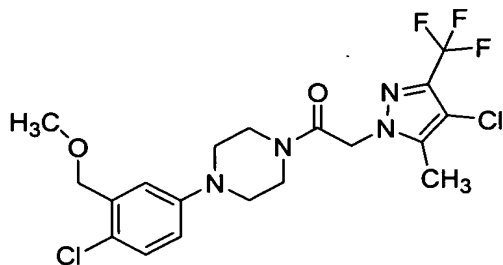
[0339] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.55 (d, 1H), 6.47 (d, 1H), 5.07- 4.91 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76- 3.13 (m, 5H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.01 (q, 3H) ppm (mixture of rotomers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 465.0, found = 465.0.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



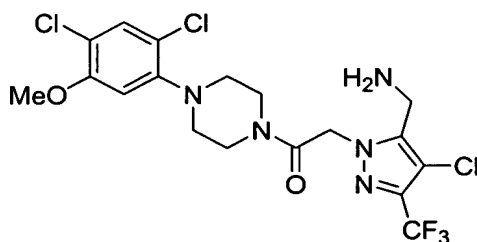
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxymethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



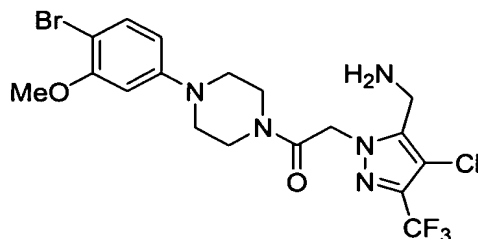
[0341] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxymethyl-phenyl)-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d, 1H), 6.78 (dd, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.75 (dt, 4H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.21 (dt, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 465.1, found = 465.0.

Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



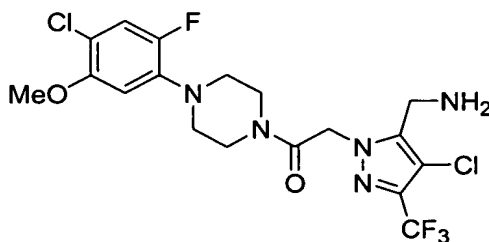
[0342] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components. Following completion of the coupling reaction, a 10-fold excess of Tin (II) chloride was added directly to the reaction, and stirring was continued for an additional 4 hours. The reaction was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to give the product: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.32 (d, 2H), 4.41 (d, 2H) 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80- 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.37- 3.02 (m, 4H); HPLC retention time = 5.83 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 min isocratic period at 95%B.

Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0343] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components. Following completion of the coupling reaction, a 10-fold excess of Tin (II) chloride was added directly to the reaction, and stirring was continued for an additional 4 hours. The reaction was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to give the product: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (d, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, 1H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 3.93 (s, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.39 (m, 4H); HPLC retention time = 5.44 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 min isocratic period at 95%B.

Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:

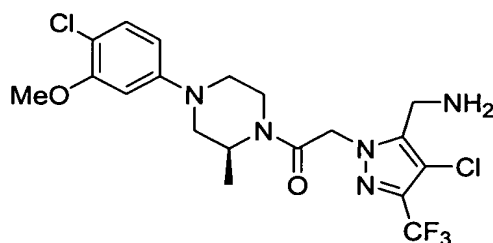


[0344] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components.

Following completion of the coupling reaction, a 10-fold excess of Tin (II) chloride was added directly to the reaction, and stirring was continued for an additional 4 hours. The

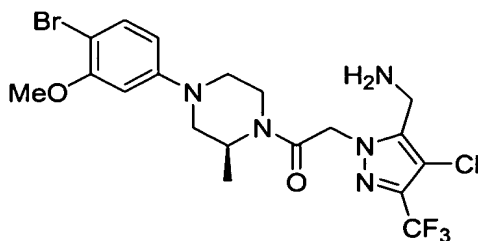
reaction was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to give the product: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.10 (d, 1H), 6.48 (d, 1H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.39 (s, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.78 (m, 4H), 3.05 (m, 4H) MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 484.1, found = 484.0

5 **Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:**



10 [0345] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components. Following completion of the coupling reaction, a 10-fold excess of Tin (II) chloride was added directly to the reaction, and stirring was continued for an additional 4 hours. The
15 reaction was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to give the product: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.27 (m, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76- 3.42 (m, 4H), 3.35- 2.96 (m, 4H), 1.45 (d, 3H) MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 480.1, found = 480.1

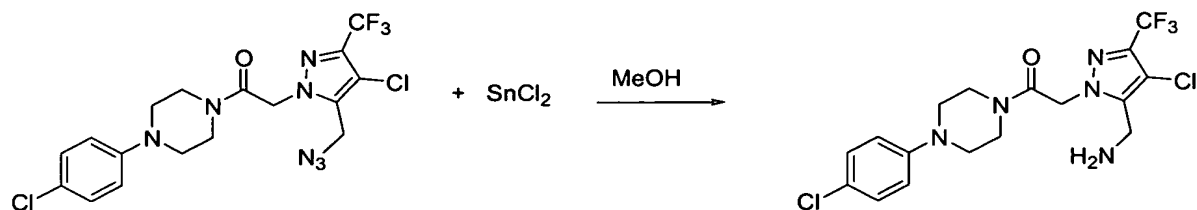
20 **Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:**



[0346] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P,
25 wherein 1-(4-Bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine and (5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components.

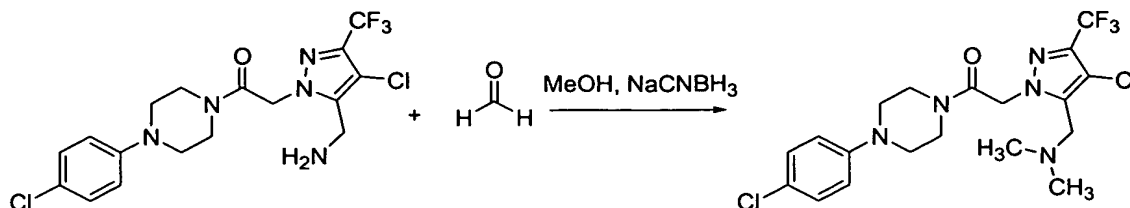
Following completion of the coupling reaction, a 10-fold excess of Tin (II) chloride was added directly to the reaction, and stirring was continued for an additional 4 hours. The reaction was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to give the product: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.59 (d, 1H), 5.35 (m, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.83- 3.60 (m, 5H), 3.32- 3.19 (m, 4H), 1.45 (d, 3H); HPLC retention time = 5.72 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5 μ , 35°C) using a 2.0 starting isocratic period, followed by a 5.0 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile), and a final 2.5 min isocratic period at 95%B.

PROTOCOL Q: Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



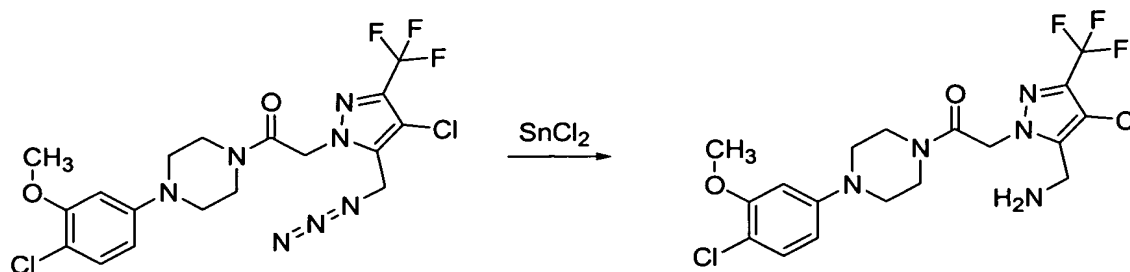
[0347] 2.85 g (6.2 mmol) of 2-(5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone was dissolved in 80 mL methanol, and 3.61 g (16.0 mmol) of SnCl_2 hydrate was added. After two hours, the reaction was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the methanol. The residue was partitioned between 0.5M NaOH and ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were extracted twice with 1M HCl. The acidic aqueous phase was basified with 1M NaOH, and was extracted once with ethyl acetate. The final ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2M HCl in ether, and the product was isolated by filtration after precipitation: ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400MHz) 8.58 (s, 3H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 7.03 (d, 2H), 5.71 (s, 2H), 4.10 (d, 2H), 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.32 (m, 2H), 3.19 (m, 2H) ppm; MS (ES) $\text{M}+\text{H}$ expected = 436.1, found = 436.0.

Synthesis of 2-(5-N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0348] To a solution of 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone hydrochloride and 13 mg (0.20 mmol) sodium cyanoborohydride in 0.7 mL methanol was added 0.025 mL (0.3 mmol) of 37% aqueous formaldehyde. After stirring for four hours, the reaction was quenched with 0.1 mL 12M HCl. One hour later, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was partitioned between water and ether, and the phases were separated. The ether phase was back-extracted once with water. The combined aqueous phases were basified with 1M NaOH, and was extracted once with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2M HCl in ether, and the product was isolated as a white solid by filtration: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 11.07 (br, 1H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 5.76 (s, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 3.62 (m, 4H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.81 (s, 6H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 464.1, found = 464.0.

Synthesis of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:

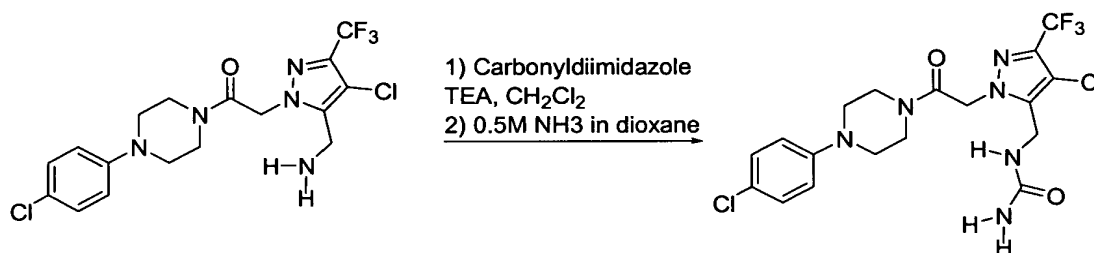


[0349] Following protocol Q, 224mg (0.46 mmol) of 2-(5-Azidomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone was dissolved in 5 mL of methanol, and 256 mg (1.14 mmol) of Tin (II) chloride was added. After 4 hours, the solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. The oil was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was basified to

pH > 9 with 1 M NaOH, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed twice with water, once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2 M HCl in ether, and diluted with ether to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.50 (br, 3H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.56 (m, 1H), 5.70 (s, 2H), 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.64 (m, 4H), 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.23 (m, 2H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 466.0, found = 466.0.

PROTOCOL R: Urea derivatization of aminomethyl functionality on pyrazole ring system

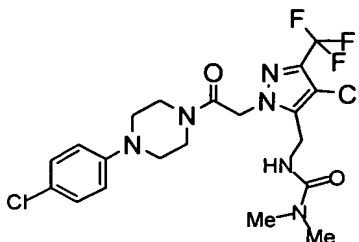
Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-urea:



[0350] To a slurry of 12 mg (0.07 mmol) carbonyldiimidazole and 25 mg (0.05 mmol) of 2-(5-Aminomethyl-4-chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone hydrochloride in 1.0 mL CH₂Cl₂ at 0°C was added 23 mg (0.22 mmol) of triethylamine dissolved in 0.2 mL CH₂Cl₂ over five minutes. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature after one hour, and was stirred for an additional hour.

[0351] 1.0 mL (0.5 mmol) of 0.5M ammonia in dioxane was added, and the resulting solution was stirred for 12 hours. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the resulting residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was back-extracted once with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once each with water, 1M NaOH, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to a residue. The residue was triturated with ethyl acetate, and the product was isolated as a white solid by filtration: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.23 (d, 2H), 6.96 (d, 2H), 6.48 (t, 1H), 5.62 (s, 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.16 (d, 2H), 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 2H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 479.1, found = 479.0.

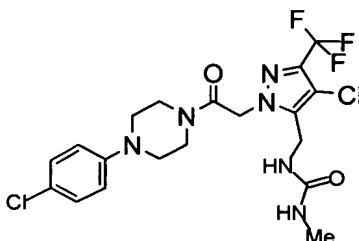
Synthesis of 3-(4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-1,1-dimethyl-urea:



- 5 [0352] Title compound was prepared following protocol R, using 2M dimethylamine in tetrahydrofuran as the amine component in the second step, to give the desired product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.23 (d, 2H), 6.96 (d, 2H), 6.81 (t, 1H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 4.21 (d, 2H), 3.56 (m, 4H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 507.1, found = 507.1.

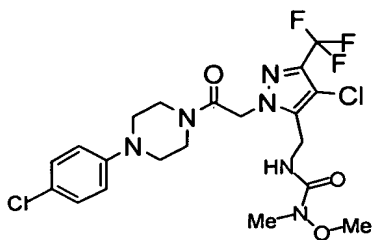
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Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-urea:



- 15 [0353] Title compound was prepared following the protocol R, using 2M methylamine in tetrahydrofuran as the amine component in the second step, to give the desired product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) 7.23 (d, 2H), 6.96 (d, 2H), 6.45 (t, 1H), 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.18 (d, 2H), 3.58 (m, 4H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 493.1, found = 493.0.

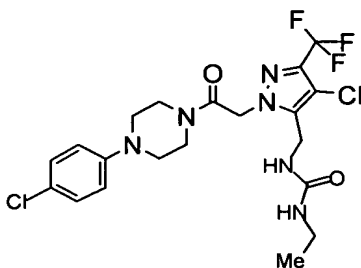
Synthesis of 3-(4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-1-methoxy-1-methyl-urea:



[0354] Title compound was prepared following protocol R, using 1M N,O-

- 5 dimethylhydroxylamine in tetrahydrofuran as the amine component in the second step, to give the desired product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400MHz) 7.63 (t, 1H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 6.96 (d, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.25 (d, 2H), 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 523.1, found 523.0.

10 **Synthesis of 1-(4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-trifluoromethyl-2H-pyrazol-3-ylmethyl)-3-ethyl-urea:**

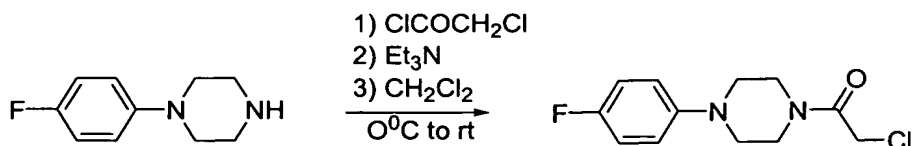


[0355] Title compound was prepared following protocol R, using 2M ethylamine in tetrahydrofuran as the amine component in the second step, to give the desired product as a

- 15 solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400MHz) 7.26 (d, 2H), 7.03 (d, 2H), 6.95 (br, 1H), 6.47 (br, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.95 (q, 2H), 0.93 (t, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 507.1, found = 507.0

PROTOCOL S: preparation of chloroacetyl arylpiperazines

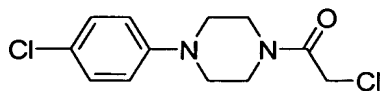
Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



- 5 [0356] 1-(4-Fluorophenyl) piperazine (2.8 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . Triethylamine (5.5 mmol) was added to it and the reaction was cooled to 0°C . Chloroacetylchloride (4.2 mmol) was added to it slowly, and the reaction was warmed to room temperature overnight. After completion, the reaction was quenched with brine solution and reaction mixture was extracted with methylene chloride. The combined organic
- 10 phases were washed with brine and water and dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was evaporated and the compound purified by column chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1.5/ 1) to afford the title compound as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.9-7.2 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.1 (s, 2H), 6.62-3.8 (m, 4H), 3.46-3.6 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164, 158, 156.2, 148.5, 118.2, 116.8, 52.6, 52.2, 48, 46, 42.1, 40.6.

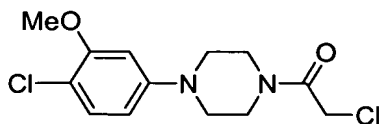
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Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



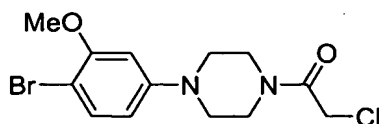
- [0357] Protocol S was followed using 1-(4-chloro-phenyl) piperazine, Et_3N , chloroacetyl chloride and methylene chloride. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1.5/ 1) afforded the title compound as a white solid.
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Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



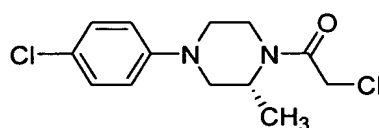
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Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



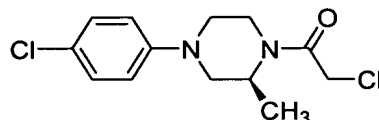
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Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-2-methyl-(R)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0360] Protocol S was followed using 1-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(R)-methyl-piperazine, Et₃N, chloroacetyl chloride and methylene chloride. Column chromatography afforded the title compound

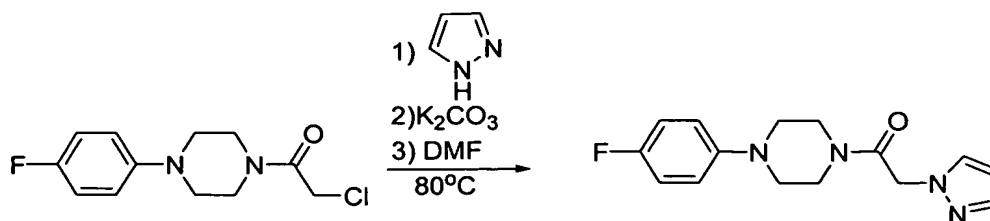
Synthesis of 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-2-methyl-(S)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0361] Protocol S was followed using 1-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(S)-methyl-piperazine, Et₃N, chloroacetyl chloride and methylene chloride. Column chromatography afforded the title compound.

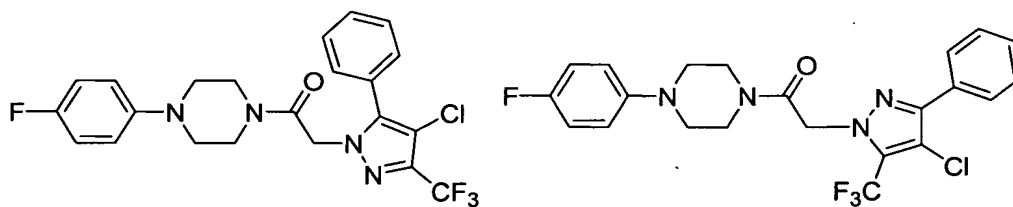
PROTOCOL T: K₂CO₃ mediated coupling reaction of chloroacetyl arylpiperazines with pyrazoles

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-pyrazol-1-yl-ethanone

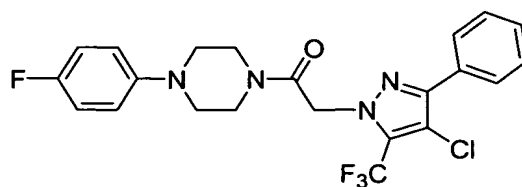


[0362] Pyrazole (112.33 mg, 1.65 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL). K₂CO₃ (228.05 mg, 1.65 mmol) and 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (300 mg, 1.67 mmol) were added to it. The reaction was heated to 80°C for 14h. After completion, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, quenched with brine and then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was further washed with water (2X 25 mL) and brine (2X 25 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation to give the crude product which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) to afford the title compound as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.2-7.58 (d, 2H), 6.94-7.2 (t, 2H), 6.84-6.9 (dd, 2H), 6.32-6.36 (t, 1H), 5.6 (s, 2H), 3.76-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.04-3.1 (m, 2H), 3.0-3.04 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165, 158, 146.5, 140, 130, 118.4, 118.2, 116, 115.8, 107, 54, 51, 50.8 45.8, 42.8.

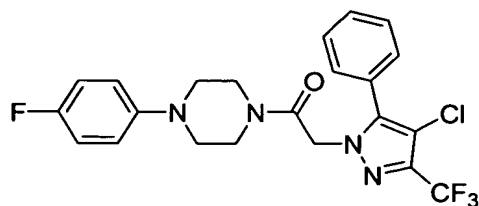
Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and 2-(4-Chloro-3-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0363] Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1.5/ 1) afforded a mixture of the title compounds, both as white solids



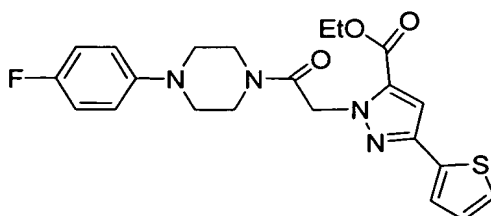
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.54 (m, 5H), 6.94-7.2 (t, 2H), 6.84-6.9 (dd, 2H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 3.72-3.8 (m, 2H), 3.5-3.6 (m, 2H), 3.0-3.1 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8, 158, 146.5, 130, 128.6, 128.2, 118.2, 114.5, 52, 50, 44.5, 42.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.48 (m, 3H), 6.96-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 1H), 3.76-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.22 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164, 130, 128.4, 126, 118, 116.4, 52, 50, 43.8, 41.6.

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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-thiophen-2-yl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

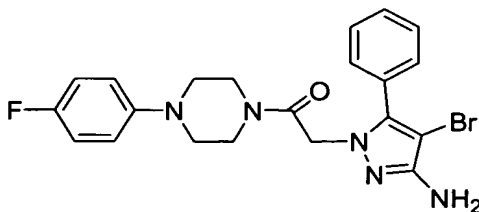


[0364] Protocol T was followed using 5-Thiophen-2-yl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1.5/ 1) afforded the title compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.02-7.08 (dd, 1H), 6.96-7.2 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.4 (q, 2H), 3.52-3.58 (m, 4H), 3.05-3.25 (m, 4H), 1.3-1.42 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (400MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164, 130, 126.8, 126.4, 120, 118.2, 115.4, 62.3, 54, 50.5, 42, 44.5, 14.6.

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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-bromo-5-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone

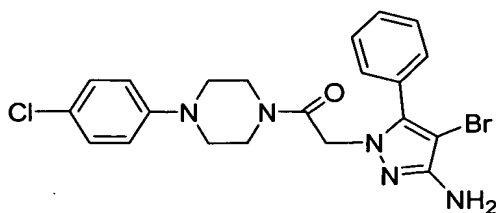


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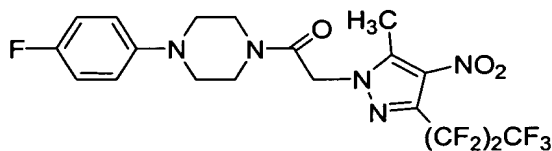
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5 **Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-bromo-5-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone**



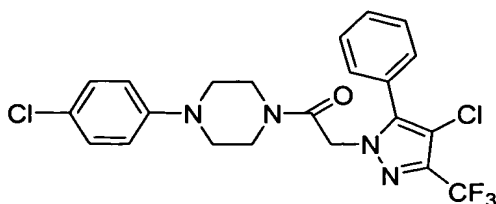
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15 **Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-4-nitro-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone**



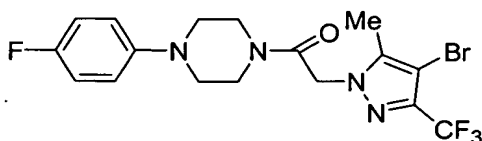
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



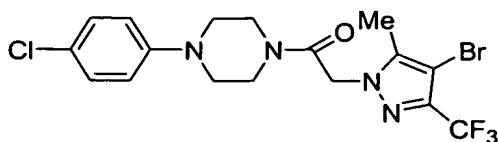
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



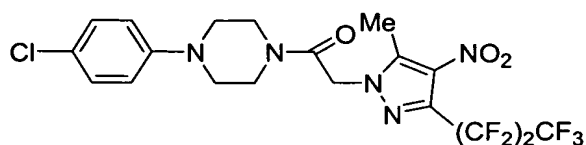
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



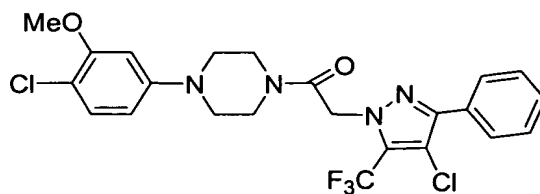
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-4-nitro-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



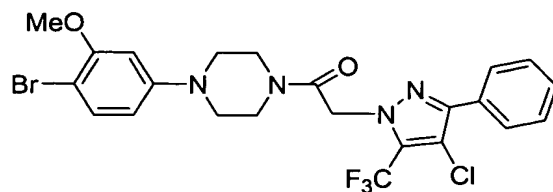
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



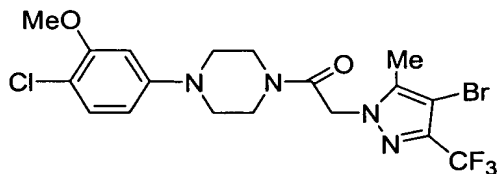
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



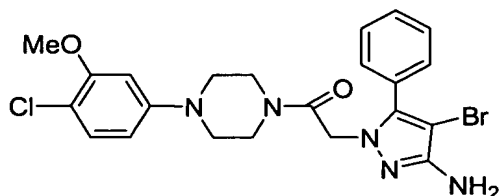
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10 3.54-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.12-3.18 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164, 156.2, 152, 132.6, 130.2, 130, 128.8, 110, 102.2, 56, 52, 50, 44.8, 42.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-piperazin-1-yl)-2-(4-bromo-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



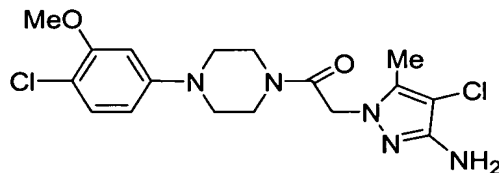
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-bromo-5-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



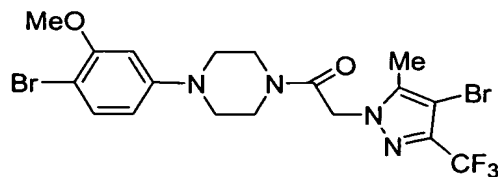
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-chloro-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



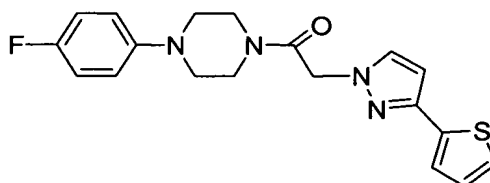
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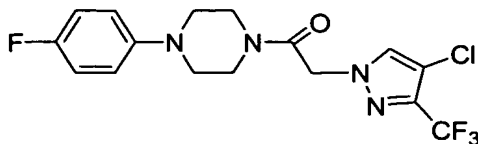
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-thiophen-2-yl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



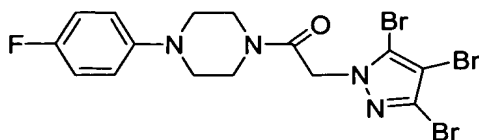
[0378] Protocol T was followed using 3-(2-thienyl)pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.48-7.52 (d, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (dd, 1H), 7.14-7.2 (dd, 1H), 6.98-7.2 (m, 1H), 6.88-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.84 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.52 (d, 1H), 5.0 (s, 2H), 3.64-3.8 (m, 4H), 2.94-3.1 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.4, 158, 152.2, 144, 134, 132, 126, 124, 123.8, 118, 116, 115.8, 102.2, 54, 51.2, 50.8, 45.8, 42.2.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



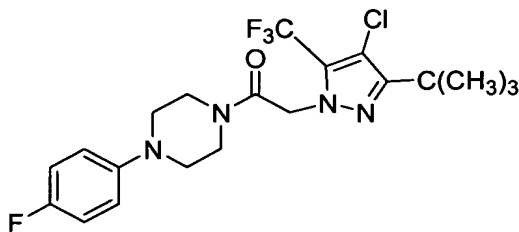
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3,4,5-tribromo-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



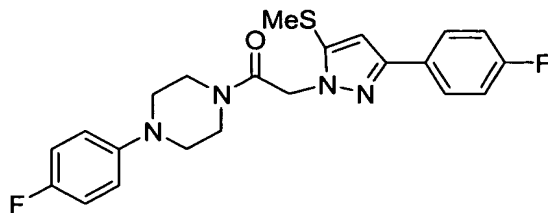
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Synthesis of 2-(3-tert-Butyl-4-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



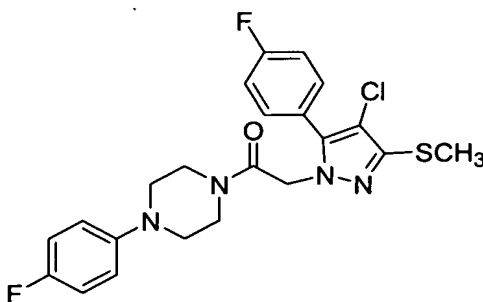
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Synthesis of 2-[3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



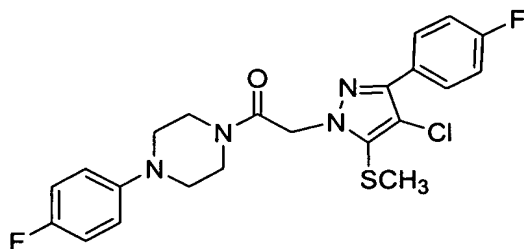
- 5 **[0382]** Protocol T was followed using 3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.7-7.76 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.1 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.3 (s, 2H), 3.7-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.04-3.2 (m, 4H), 2.5 (s, 3H).
- 10 ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.8, 152, 140, 127.4, 119, 118.4, 118.2, 116.2, 116, 108, 52.8, 52, 51.8, 45.4, 42.2, 20.

Synthesis of 2-[4-Chloro-5-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-methylsulfanyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



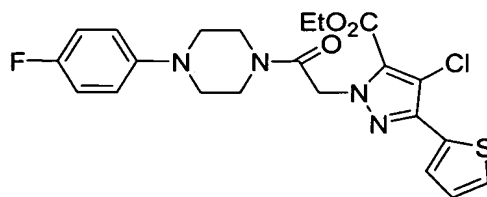
- 15 **[0383]** Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.82-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.96-7.1 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.68-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.06-3.18 (m, 4H), 2.4 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.8, 158, 147, 135, 127.4, 127, 119, 112.4, 112.2, 110, 108.8, 52.8, 52, 51.8, 45.4, 42.2, 18.6.
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Synthesis of 2-[4-Chloro-3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methylsulfanyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



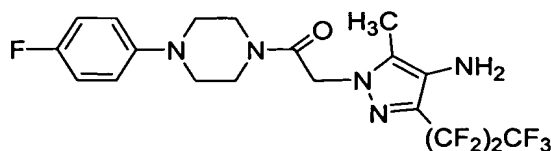
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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-4-Chloro-3-thiophen-2-yl-2H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



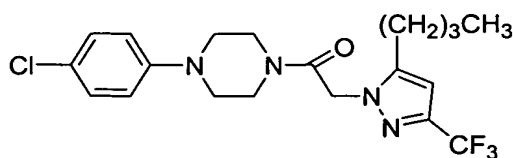
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Amino-3-heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



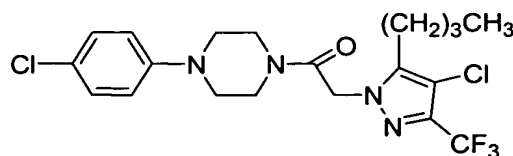
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Synthesis of 2-(5-Butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



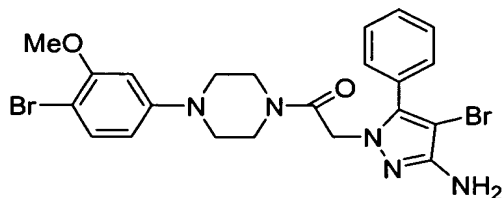
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



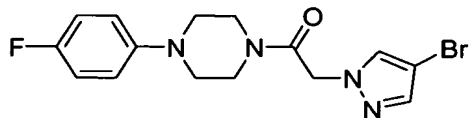
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-bromo-5-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



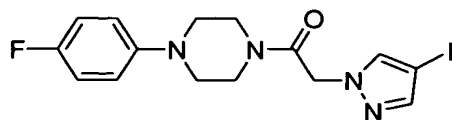
- 5 [0389] Protocol T was followed using 4-Bromo-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamine, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-bromo-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1.5) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.78-7.84 (d, 2H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.44-6.52 (d, 1H), 6.36-6.42 (dd, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.12-3.18 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.6, 154.8, 150.2, 144.6, 130, 128.8, 128.6, 126.4, 109.2, 102, 56, 51, 50, 49.6, 45.6, 42.
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Bromopyrazol)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



- 15 [0390] Protocol T was followed using 4-Bromo-1H-pyrazol, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.52-7.58 (d, 1H), 7.48-7.52 (d, 1H), 6.95-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.92 (dd, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.80 (t, 2H), 3.64-3.72 (t, 2H), 3.02-3.12 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164.6, 158.2, 156.2, 146.6, 141.6, 140.2, 130.5, 129.6, 118.2, 118.0, 115.2, 116.4, 94.2, 53.8, 50.8, 50.2, 45.4, 42.
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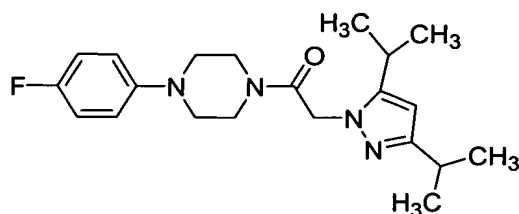
Synthesis of 2-(4-Iodopyrazol)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



- 25 [0391] Protocol T was followed using 4-Iodo-1H-pyrazol, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture

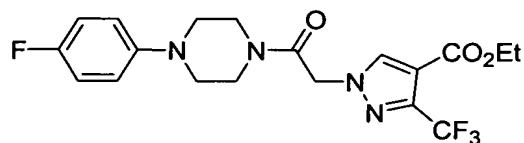
(hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58-7.62 (d, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 6.95-7.1 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.92 (dd, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.80 (t, 2H), 3.64-3.72 (t, 2H), 3.02-3.12 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.6, 158.2, 156.2, 146.8, 140.8, 140.2, 130.5, 129.6, 118.2, 118.0, 115.4, 116.8, 96.0, 53.4, 51.2, 50.2, 45.2, 42.

Synthesis of 2-(3,5-Diisopropyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



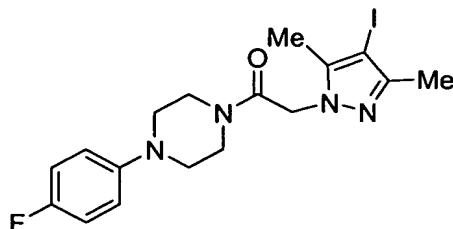
- 10 [0392] Protocol T was followed using 3,5-Diisopropyl-1H-pyrazole, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.88 (dd, 2H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 3.70-3.80 (t, 4H), 2.90-3.10 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.60 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 158.2, 150.2, 119.2, 118.0, 100.0, 50.8, 50.5, 50.2, 45.2, 42, 28.2, 26.0, 22.4.
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Synthesis of 1-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



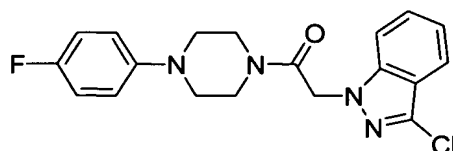
- 20 [0393] Protocol T was followed using 3-Trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 6.98-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.1 (s, 2H), 4.28-4.38 (q, 2H), 3.78-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.04-3.2 (m, 4H), 1.3-1.4 (t, 3H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 160.5, 159.2, 156.2, 147, 137.2, 119, 118.8, 116, 115.8, 61, 54, 50.8, 50.0, 45.0, 42.2, 14.2.
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-iodo-3,5-dimethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



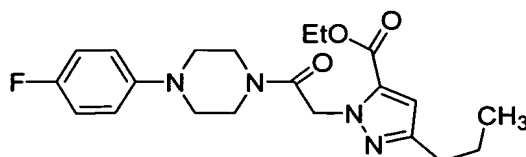
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Chloro-indazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



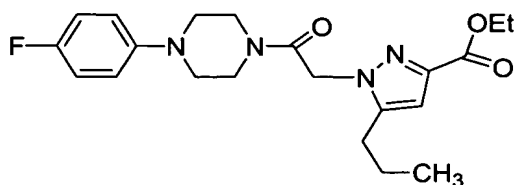
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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-propyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



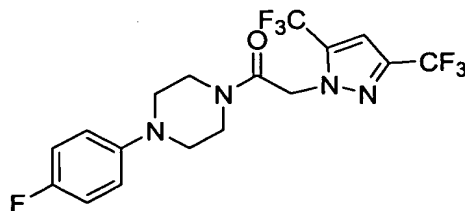
[0396] Protocol T was followed using 5-Propyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.90 (dd, 2H), 6.7 (s, 1H), 5.5 (s, 2H), 4.26-4.32 (q, 2H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.04-3.18 (m, 4H), 2.58-2.64 (t, 2H), 1.64-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.38 (t, 3H), 0.96-1.0 (t, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165, 160, 156.2, 152.4, 146.8, 132.8, 118.2, 118.1, 115.8, 115.4, 110.2, 61, 53, 50.6, 50.2, 45, 42, 30, 22.8, 14.2, 14.

10 **Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-3-propyl-2H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester**



[0397] Protocol T was followed using 5-Propyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.90 (dd, 2H), 6.2 (s, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.34-4.40 (q, 2H), 3.62-3.8 (m, 4H), 3.02-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.54-2.60 (t, 2H), 1.64-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.38 (t, 3H), 0.98-1.4 (t, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165, 160, 156.4, 152.2, 146.6, 132.8, 118.4, 118.2, 115.8, 115.4, 113.2, 61, 53, 50.6, 50.2, 45.2, 42, 28, 21.8, 14.2, 14.

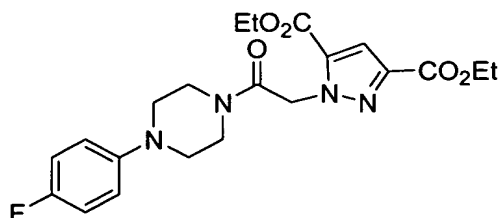
Synthesis of 2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



25 [0398] Protocol T was followed using 3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography

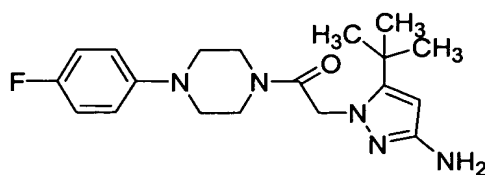
using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.82-7.90 (dd, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.8 (t, 2H), 3.58-3.66 (t, 2H), 3.12-3.18 (t, 2H), 3.02-3.12 (t, 2H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 158.2, 156.4, 146.5, 118.4, 116.2, 115.8, 113.2, 60.4, 53.2, 50.6, 50.2, 45.2, 42.2, 21.2, 14.2.

Synthesis of 1-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylic acid diethyl ester



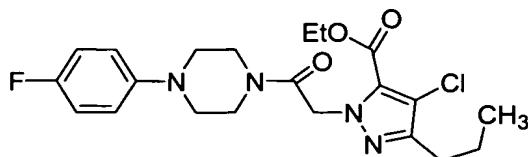
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-*t*-butyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



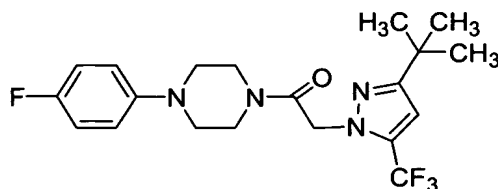
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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-4-chloro-5-propyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



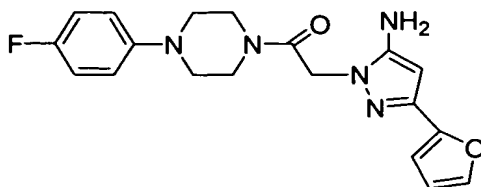
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15 **Synthesis of 2-(3-tert-Butyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone**



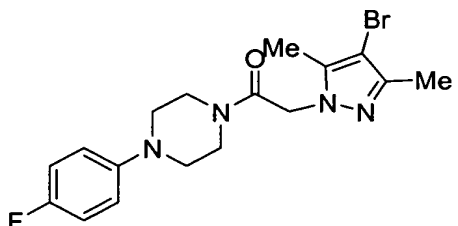
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Synthesis of 2-(5-Amino-3-furan-2-yl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



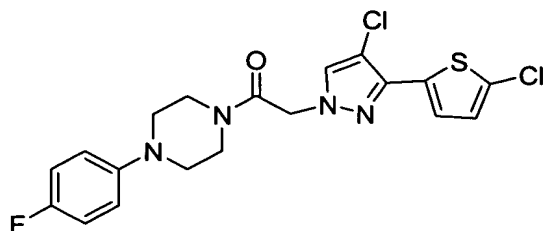
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-3,5-dimethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



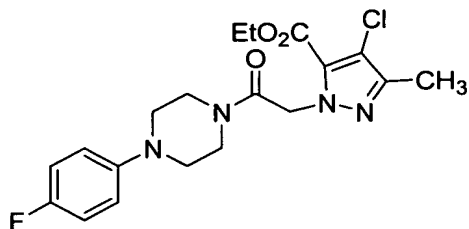
[0404] Protocol T was followed using 4-Bromo-3, 5-dimethyl-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.95-7.1 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.92 (dd, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.02-3.12 (m, 4H), 2.24-2.34 (d, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165, 158.4, 156.6, 150.6, 146.8, 141.4, 119, 115.6, 115.2, 52.6, 51.6, 50.4, 45.2, 42.2, 14.8, 12.6.

Synthesis of 2-[4-Chloro-3-(5-chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



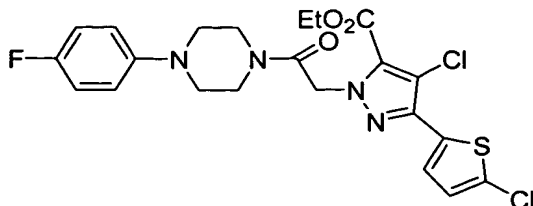
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Synthesis of 4-Chloro-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



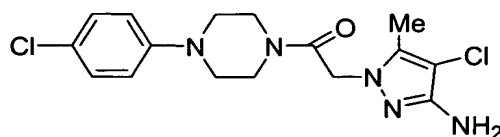
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Synthesis of 4-Chloro-5-(5-chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-2-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



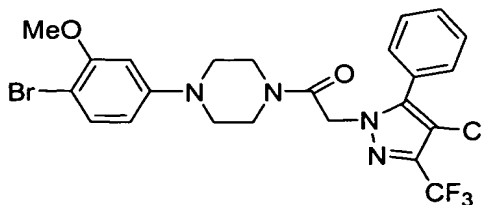
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-chloro-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0408] Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamine, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/4) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.18-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.78-6.84 (d, 2H), 4.8 (s, 2H), 4.4 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.08-3.18 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone

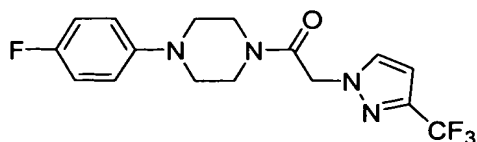


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Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3: R_f = 0.58) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 4H), 6.42-6.48 (d, 1H), 6.34-6.38 (dd, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.12-3.22 (m, 4H).

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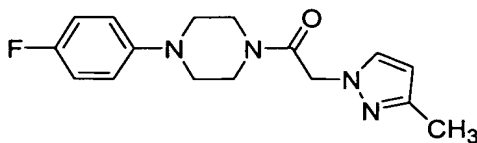
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol)-ethanone



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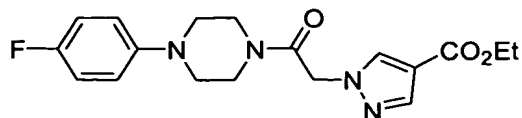
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-methyl-pyrazol)-ethanone



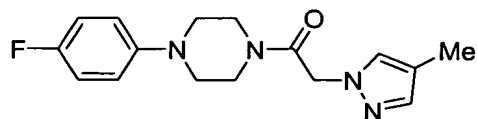
20 [0411] Protocol T was followed using 3-methyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.08-6.10 (d, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.74-3.82 (t, 2H), 3.62-3.72 (t, 2H), 3.0-3.1 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H). MS (ES) $\text{M}+\text{H}$ expected 302.05, found 303.1.

Synthesis of 1-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



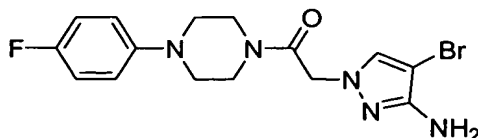
[0412] Protocol T was followed using 1H-Pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K₂CO₃,
 5 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.2 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.0 (s, 2H), 4.1-4.2 (q, 2H), 3.74-3.82 (t, 2H), 3.62-3.72 (t, 2H), 3.0-3.12 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.42 (t, 3H). MS (ES) M+H expected 360.39, found 361.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-methyl-pyrazol)-ethanone



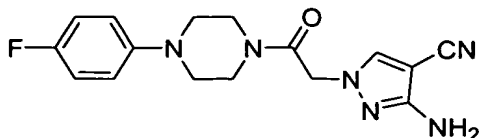
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 15 mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26-7.32 (m, 1H), 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.88 (m, 2H), 5.0 (s, 2H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.0-3.1 (m, 4H), 2.1 (s, 3H). MS (ES) M+H expected 302.35, found 303.1.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-amino-4-bromopyrazole)-ethanone



[0414] Protocol T was followed using 4-bromo-3-aminopyrazole, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a
 25 solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 3/7) afforded the title compound as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.0 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.88 (m, 2H), 4.9 (s, 2H), 4.2 (s, 2H), 3.72-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.0-3.14 (m, 4H). MS (ES) M+H expected 382.24, found 382.

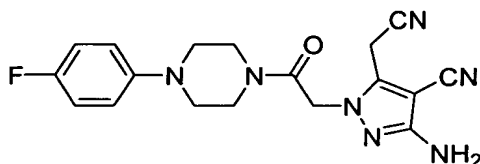
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-amino-4-cyanopyrazole)-ethanone



- 5 **[0415]** Protocol T was followed using 3-amino-4-cyano-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 3/7) afforded the title compound as a solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.48 (s, 1H), 6.96-7.2 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 3.78-3.86 (m, 4H), 3.08-3.16 (m, 4H). MS (ES) M+H expected 328.25, found 329.1

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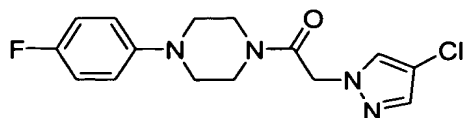
Synthesis of 3-Amino-5-cyanomethyl-1-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile



- 15 **[0416]** Protocol T was followed using 5-amino-3-cyanomethyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 3/2) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.96-7.2 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.78-3.86 (m, 4H), 3.7 (s, 2H), 3.08-3.16 (m, 4H). MS (ES) M+H expected 367.39, found 368.1.

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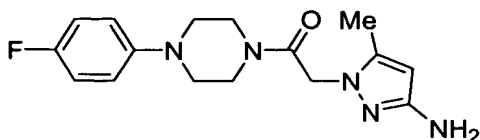
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-pyrazol)-ethanone



- 25 **[0417]** Protocol T was followed using 4-chloro-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 3/2) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.54-7.56 (d, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 6.94-7.2 (m, 2H), 6.84-6.88 (m, 2H),

4.98 (s, 2H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.0-3.1 (m, 4H). MS (ES) M+H expected 322.77, found 323.1

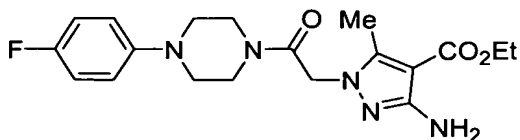
Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



[0418] Protocol T was followed using 5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamine, K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/4) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil.

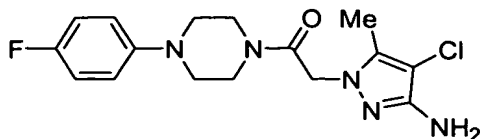
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.0-7.08 (t, 2H), 4.8 (s, 2H), 5.1 (s, 2H), 3.78-3.88 (m, 4H), 3.18-3.38 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H). MS (ES) M+H expected 317.37, found 318.1

Synthesis of 3-Amino-1-{2-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



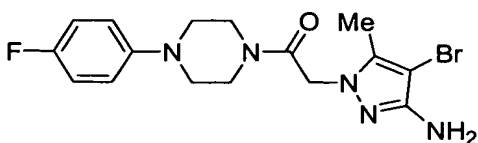
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-chloro-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



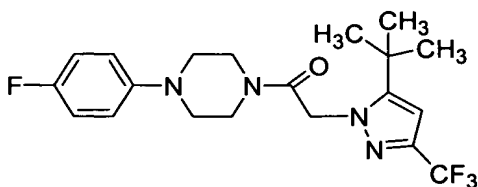
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Synthesis of 2-(3-Amino-4-bromo-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



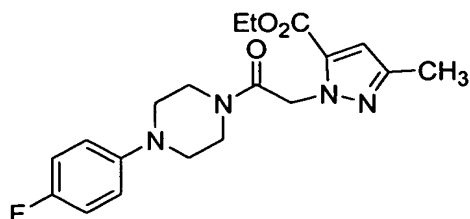
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Synthesis of 2-(5-tert-Butyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



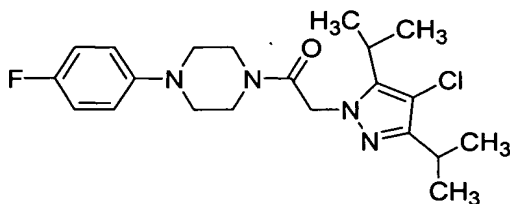
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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



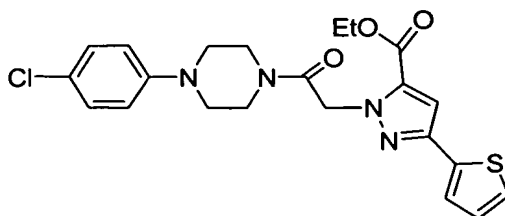
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Synthesis of 2-(3,5-Diisopropyl-4-chloro-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



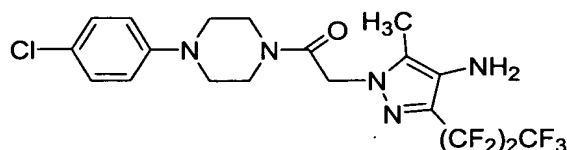
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Synthesis of 2-{2-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-thiophen-2-yl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



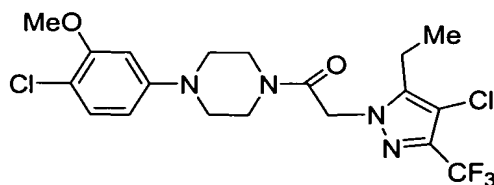
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Amino-3-heptafluoropropyl-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



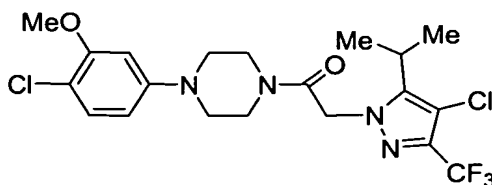
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Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-ethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0427] Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-ethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazol, K_2CO_3 , 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3, R_f = 0.53) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.18-7.22 (d, 2H), 6.38-6.48 (m, 2H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.76 (m, 4H), 3.1-3.2 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.74 (q, 2H), 1.18-1.28 (m, 3H). MS (ES) M+H) expected = 464.82, found 465.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-isopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



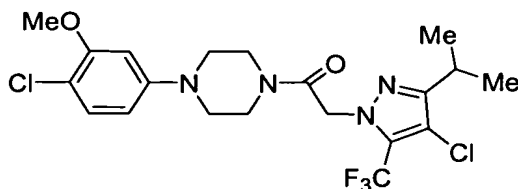
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Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-isopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:

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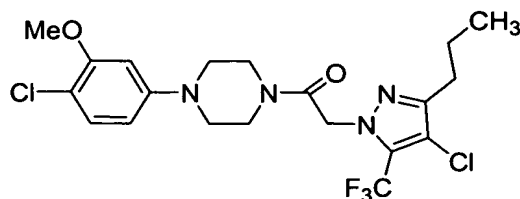


[0429] Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-isopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazol, K_2CO_3 , 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate =2/3, R_f = 0.45) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.19-7.22 (d, 2H), 6.38-6.48 (m, 2H), 5 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.08-3.18 (m, 4H), 2.98-3.04 (m, 1H), 1.35-1.41 (d, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.8, 154.8, 150.5, 130, 109.8, 102, 56.4, 52.8, 50, 49.8, 45.2, 42.6, 26.8, 20.

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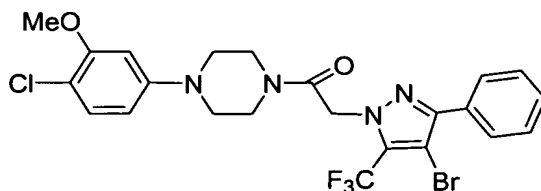
Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-n-propyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



- 5 **[0430]** Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-n-propyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1-H-pyrazol, K_2CO_3 , 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 3/7, R_f = 0.78) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.22-7.24 (d, 2H), 6.42-6.48 (m, 2H), 5.7 (s, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.22-3.42 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.72 (t, 2H),
10 1.58-1.68 (m, 2H), 0.98-1.02 (t, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (400MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 164, 154.8, 150.5, 130, 109.8, 102.2, 56.4, 52.8, 50, 49.8, 45.2, 42.6, 26, 21.8, 14.

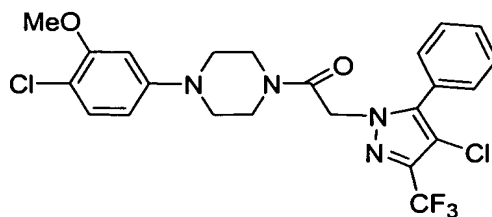
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-bromo-3-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone

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- [0431]** Protocol T was followed using 4-Bromo-3-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1, R_f = 0.51)
20 afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.42-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.38-6.42 (dd, 1H), 6.46-6.48 (d, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.5-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.18 (s, 4H).

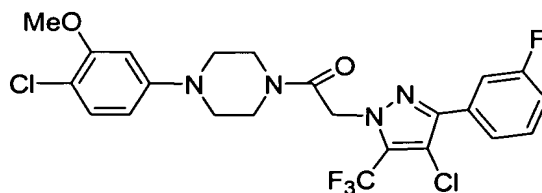
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



- 5 **[0432]** Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3, R_f = 0.92) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.78-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.52 (m, 4H), 6.38-6.48 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.18-
10 3.26 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 164.4, 156, 150.4, 130.4, 130, 128.6, 110.2, 102.4, 56.4, 52, 50.4, 44.6, 42.

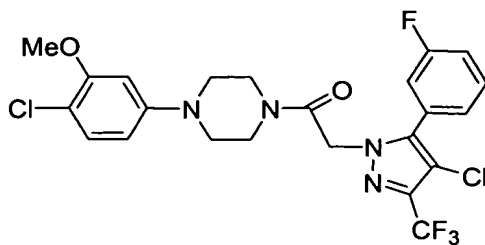
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-[3-Fluorophenyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone

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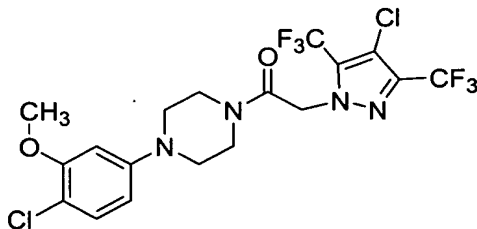
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20 0.51) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.44-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.28 (m, 4H), 6.38-6.48 (m, 2H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.12 (s, 4H).

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-[3-Fluorophenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone



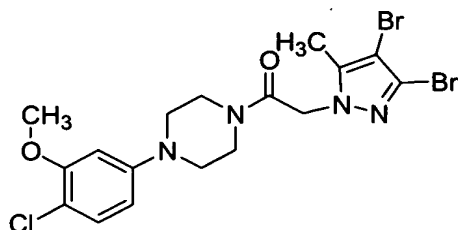
- 5 [0434] Protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-[3-Fluorophenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3, R_f = 0.59) afforded the title compound as a white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.64-7.68 (d, 1H), 7.56-7.62 (d, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.52 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.9 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.12-3.22 (m, 4H).
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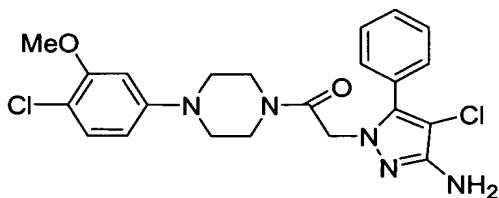
- 15 [0435] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3, 5-ditrifluoromethyl-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.22-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.42-6.52 (m, 2H), 5.2 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.82 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 505.24, found 506.
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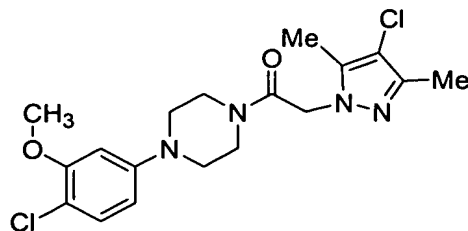
[0436] The general protocol T was followed using 3-Methyl-4, 5-dibromo-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.22-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.50 (m, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 506.6, found 506.9.

2-(3-Amino-4-chloro-5-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0437] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamine, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/4, R_f = 0.68) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79-7.81 (d, 2H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.44-6.48 (d, 1H), 6.36-6.42 (dd, 1H), 4.94 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.86 (m, 4H), 3.12-3.18 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 460.36, found 460.

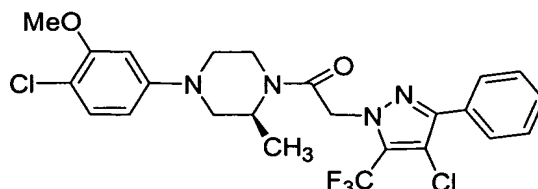
1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3,5-dimethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0438] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3, 5-dimethyl-pyrazole,
 5 K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1, R_f = 0.28) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.19-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.39-6.49 (m, 2H), 4.86 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.1-3.18 (m, 4H), 2.12-2.42 (d, 6H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 397.3 , found 397.

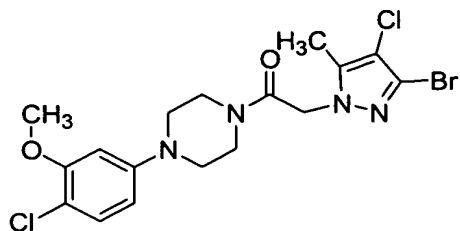
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0439] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-phenyl-3-trifluoromethyl-
 15 1H-pyrazole, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 2/3, R_f = 0.6) afforded the title compound as white solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.4-7.52 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.38-6.48 (d, 2H), 4.78-5.22 (m, 3H), 4.4-4.42 (m, 2H), 4.0 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.42-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.38 (d, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.72-
 20 2.96 (m, 3H) 1.28-1.38 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 527.4 , found 527.

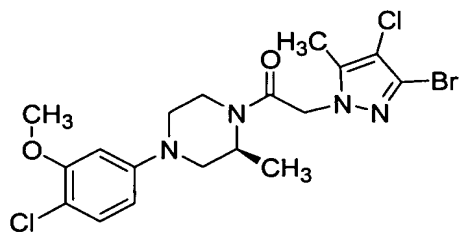
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pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:**



[0440] The general protocol T was followed using 3-Methyl-4-chloro-5-bromo-pyrazole,
5 K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF.
Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1) afforded the
title compound as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.42-6.50
(m, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.12-3.22 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H)
expected = 462.17, found 462.9.

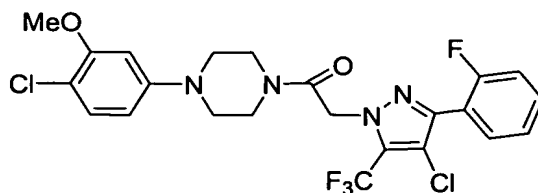
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**1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-methyl-4-chloro-5-
bromopyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:**



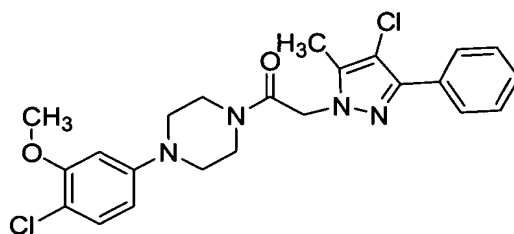
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15 K₂CO₃, 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone,
and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/1)
afforded the title compound as white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.22 (m, 1H),
6.38-6.46 (m, 2H), 4.78-5.22 (m, 3H), 4.38-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.2 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.8 (s,
1H), 3.42-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.32-3.38 (d, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.72-2.96 (m, 3H) 1.26-1.38 (m, 4H).
20 MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 476.19, found 476.9.

1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-[2-fluoro-phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



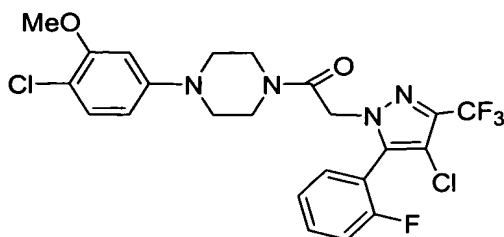
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



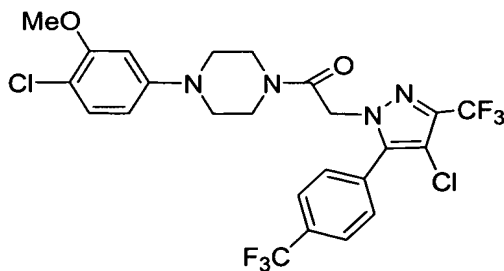
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-[2-fluoro-phenyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



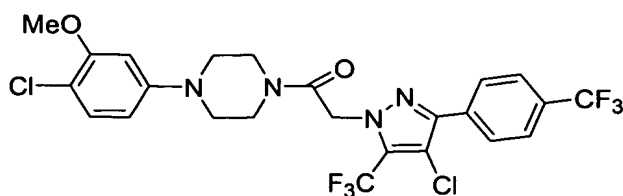
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-[4-trifluoromethylphenyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



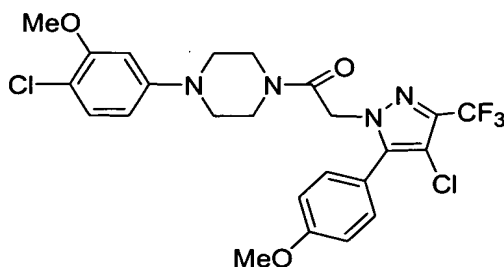
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-[4-trifluoromethylphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



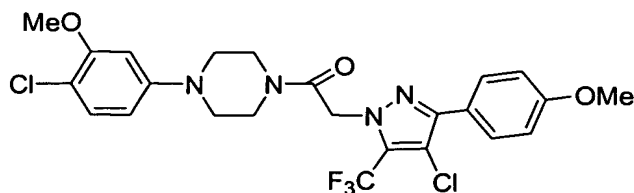
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-3-[4-methoxyphenyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



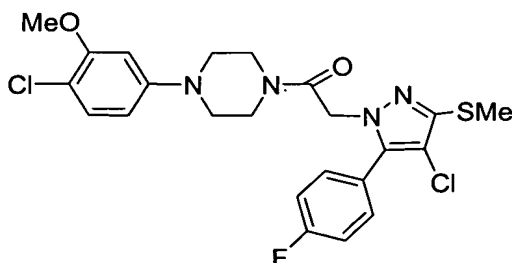
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-[4-methoxyphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



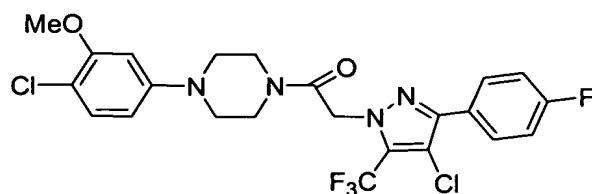
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2-[4-Chloro-5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-3-methylsulfanyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



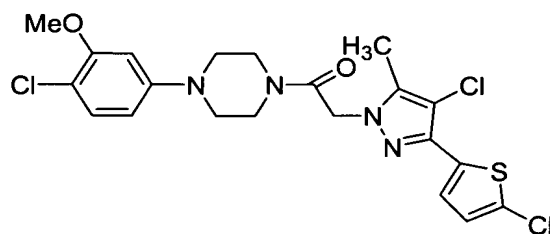
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1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-[4-fluorophenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



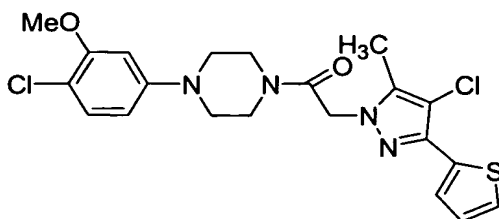
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2-[4-Chloro-3-(5-chloro-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



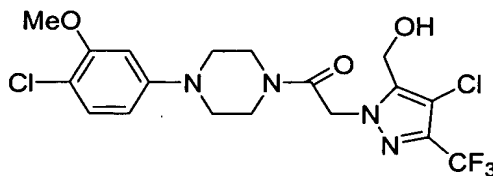
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2-[4-Chloro-3-(2-thiophene)-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



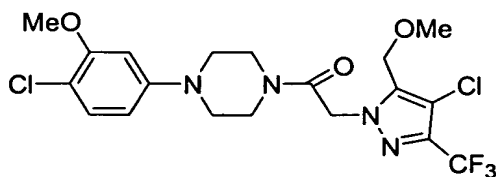
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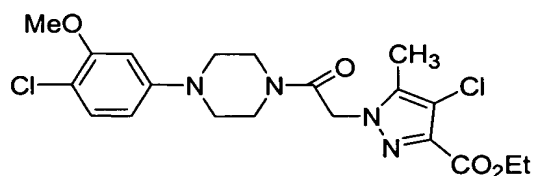
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2-(4-Chloro-5-methoxymethyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



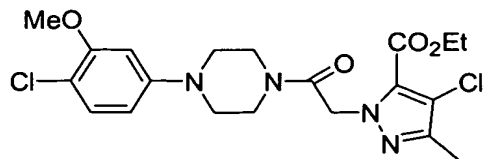
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4-Chloro-1-{2-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester:



[0455] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/ 4, R_f = 0.81) afforded the title compound. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.18-7.21 (d, 1H), 6.66-6.68 (d, 1H), 6.52-6.55 (dd, 1H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 4.30-4.36 (q, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.70-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.18-3.28 (m, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.32-1.38 (t, 3H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 455.34, found 455.2.

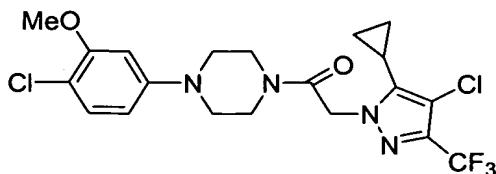
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[0456] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/ 4, R_f = 0.75) afforded the title compound. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.19-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.64-6.66 (d, 1H), 6.54-6.58 (dd, 1H), 5.44 (s, 2H), 4.30-4.35 (q, 2H), 3.85 (s,

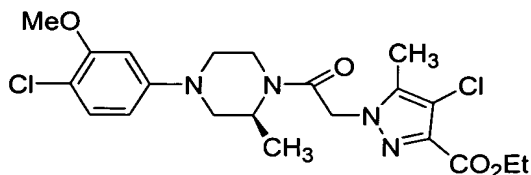
3H), 3.70-3.77 (m, 4H), 3.20-3.28 (m, 4H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.38 (t, 3H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 455.34, found 455.2.

2-(4-Chloro-5-cyclopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



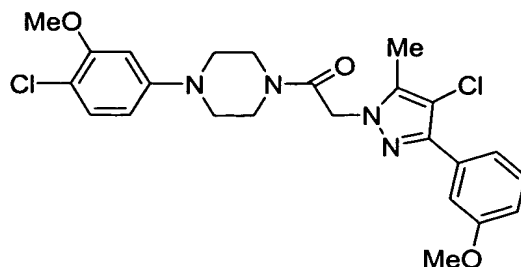
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4-Chloro-1-{2-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylpiperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester:



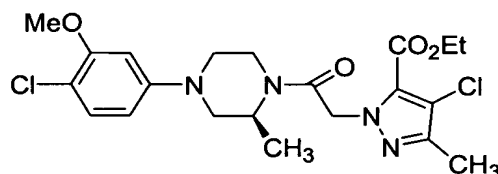
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2-(4-Chloro-3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



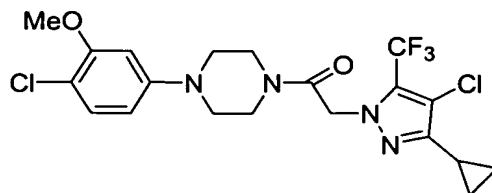
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4-Chloro-1-{2-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methylpiperazin-1-yl]-2-oxo-ethyl}-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester:



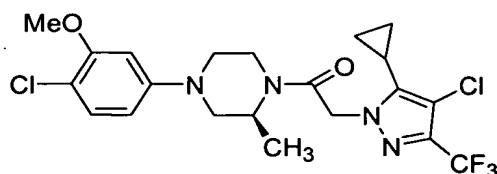
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2-(4-Chloro-3-cyclopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



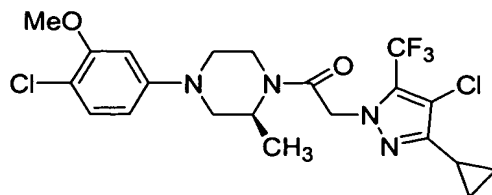
[0461] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-cyclopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone, and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/ 5, R_f = 0.83) afforded the title compound. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.20-7.24 (d, 1H), 6.46-6.49 (d, 1H), 6.42-6.46 (dd, 1H), 5.1 (s, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.14-3.24 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.01-1.12 (m 2H), 0.51-0.59 (m, 2H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 477.32, found 477.22.

2-(4-Chloro-5-cyclopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0462] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-5-cyclopropyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/ 5, R_f = 0.68) afforded the title compound. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.19-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.41-6.49 (m, 2H), 4.94-5.26 (m, 2H), 4.8 (s, 1H), 4.41-4.44 (d, 1H), 4.0 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.58 (d, 2H), 3.36-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.2 (s, 1H), 2.8 (s, 1H), 1.84-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.3-1.5 (m, 3H), 0.51-0.59 (m, 4H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 491.34, found 491.2.

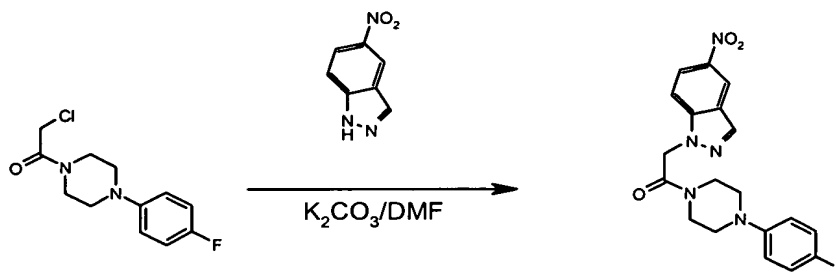
2-(4-Chloro-3-cyclopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0463] The general protocol T was followed using 4-Chloro-3-cyclopropyl-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl, K_2CO_3 , 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(S)-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone and DMF. Column chromatography using a solvent mixture (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 1/ 5, R_f = 0.62) afforded the title compound. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.19-7.22 (d, 1H), 6.39-6.48 (m, 2H), 5.01-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.38-4.42 (d, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.59 (d, 2H), 3.42-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.25 (s, 1H), 2.8 (s, 1H), 1.84-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.3-1.5 (m, 3H), 0.98-1.41 (d, 2H), 0.51-0.59 (m, 2H). MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 491.34, found 491.2.

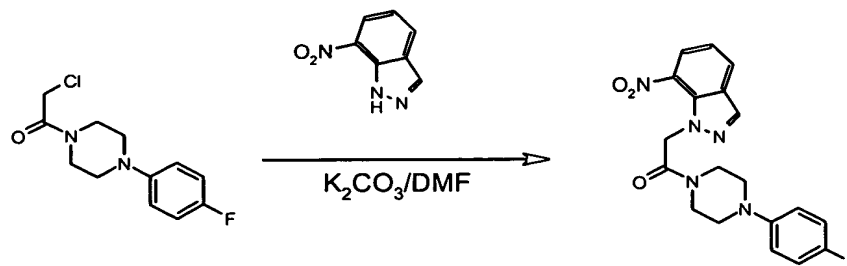
PROTOCOL U: for the K_2CO_3 mediated coupling reaction of chloroacetyl substituted arylpiperazines with novel heteraryl ring systems

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-[5-nitro-indazol-1-yl]-ethanone



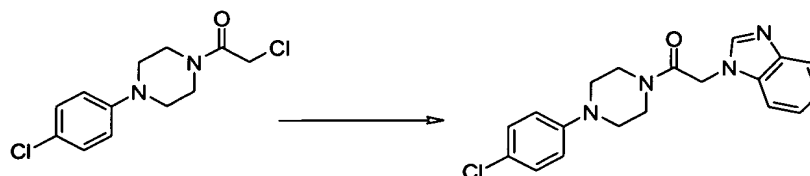
[0464] 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (0.834 g, 3.3 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (1.6 g, 11.6 mmol) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 5-Nitro-1H-indazole (0.5 g, 2.9 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was heated at 70°C for 14h, cooled and then quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na_2SO_4 followed by concentration afforded material that on purification on neutral alumina column (pet ether/ethyl acetate) gave title compound as a pale yellow solid.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-[7-nitro-indazol-1-yl]-ethanone



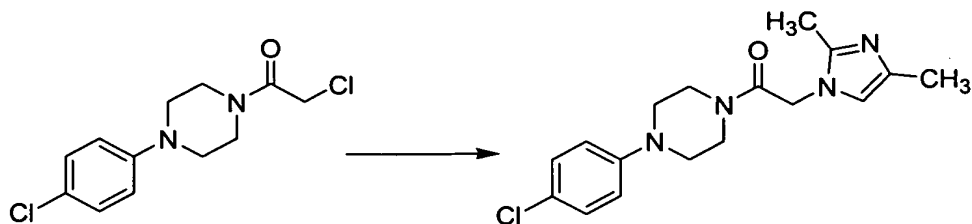
[0465] 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (0.834 g, 3.3 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (1.6 g, 11.6 mmol) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 7-Nitro-1H-indazole (0.5 g, 2.9 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 70°C for 14h, cooled and then quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na_2SO_4 followed by concentration afforded material that was purified on neutral alumina column (pet ether/ethyl acetate). The resulting solid was recrystallized from DCM/pet ether to obtain pure product as a pale yellow solid.

Synthesis of 2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



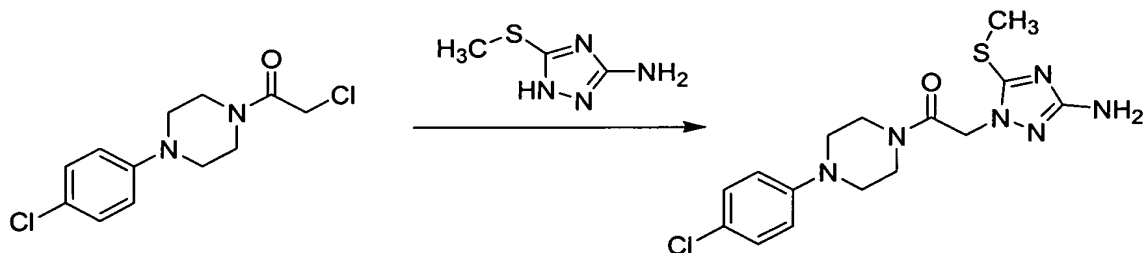
[0466] Benzimidazole (0.785 g, 0.7 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (340 mg) and KI (20 mg) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 140°C for 14h, cooled and then quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na_2SO_4 followed by concentration gave material that on purification by flash chromatography ($CHCl_3$ /MeOH) afforded pure product: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.10-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 6.83 (d, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 3.79-3.66 (m, 4H), 3.14 (br, 4H).

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(2,4-dimethyl-imidazol-1-yl)-ethanone



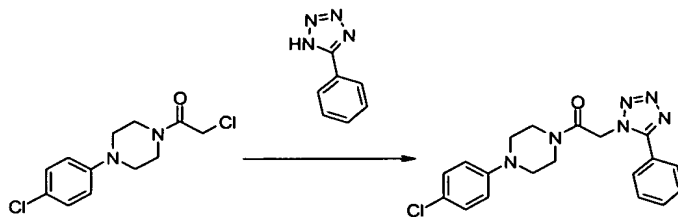
[0467] 2,4-dimethylimidazole (0.633 g, 0.7 mmol) was taken up in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (340 mg) and KI (20 mg) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 140°C for 14h, cooled and quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration gave material that was purified on a silica gel column (CHCl₃/MeOH) δ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, 2H), 6.80 (d, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 3.78 (br, 2H), 3.59 (br, 2H), 3.21 (br, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 1H).

Synthesis of 2-(5-Amino-3-methylsulfanyl-[1,2,4]triazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



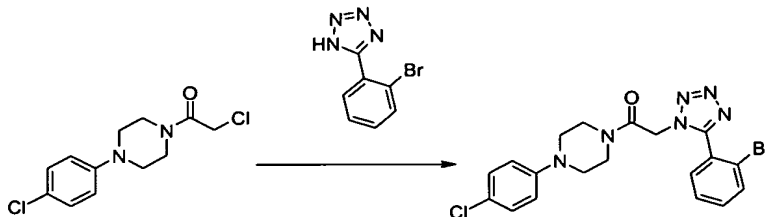
[0468] 5-Methylsulfanyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-ylamine (0.216 g, 1.7 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (800 mg) and KI (20 mg) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (500 mg, 1.8 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 140°C for 14h, cooled and then quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration afforded crude product that was purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH) δ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.24 (d, 2H), 6.98 (d, 2H), 6.24 (s, 2H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

Synthesis of 2-[5-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-tetrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone



- 5 [0469] 5-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (0.1216 g, 0.832 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (400 mg) and KI (20 mg) was added to it and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (250 mg, 0.92 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 140°C for 14h, cooled and quenched with
- 10 water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration afforded material that was further purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/pet ether): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (br, 2H), 7.49 (br, 3H), 7.24 (br, 2H), 6.85 (br, 2H), 5.60 (s, 2H), 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.19 (m, 4H).

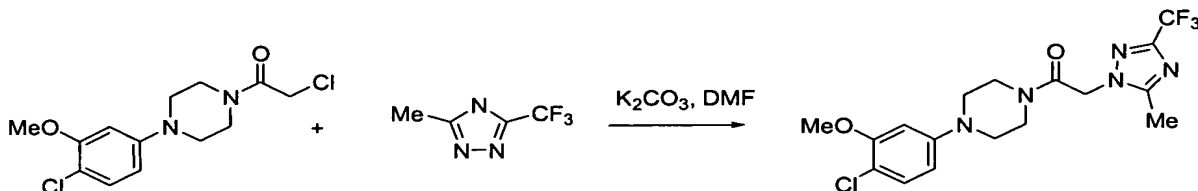
15 **Synthesis of 2-[5-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-tetrazol-1-yl]-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone**



- [0470] 5-(2-Bromo-phenyl)-1H-tetrazole (0.374 g, 1.66 mmol) was taken in dry DMF (15 mL) and dry potassium carbonate (800 mg) and KI (20 mg) was added to it and stirred at rt
- 20 for 1 h under nitrogen. 2-Chloro-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone (500 mg, 1.8 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 140°C for 14 h, cooled and quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer with Na₂SO₄ followed by concentration afforded material that was further purified by flash column chromatography (ethyl acetate/pet ether):

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, 1H), 7.74 (d, 1H), 7.45 (t, 1H), 7.35 (t, 1H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 6.87 (d, 2H), 5.65 (s, 2H), 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.20 (m, 4H).

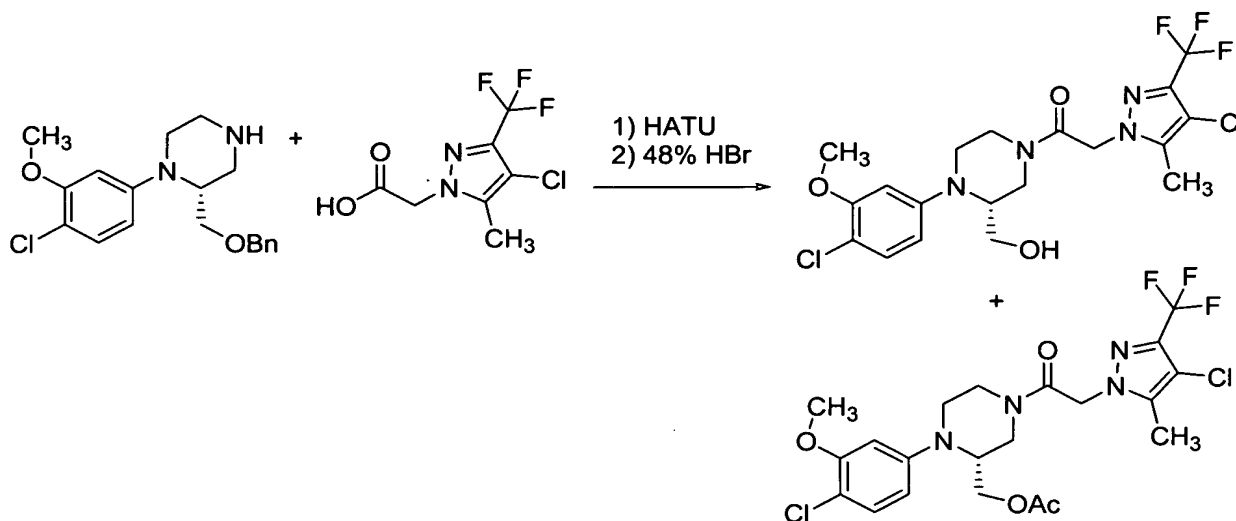
Synthesis of 2-(5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0471] 0.04 g (0.00026 mol) of 5-Methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazole, 0.078 g (0.00026 mol) of 1-(chloroacetyl)-4-(4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl)-piperazine, and 0.04 g (0.0004 mol) of potassium carbonate in 3 mL dry DMF were heated at 80°C for 14 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give 2-(5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300MHz) δ 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.443 (m, 1H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.71 (m, 4H), 3.18 (m, 4H), 2.50 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 418.0, found = 418.2.

Protocol V: Preparation of compounds via acid or base-mediated de-protections.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone and Acetic acid 1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-2-(R)-ylmethyl ester:



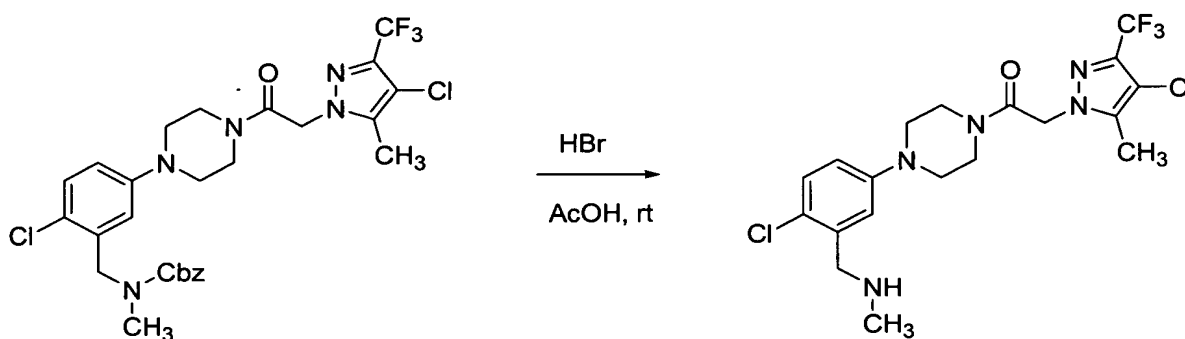
[0472] To 620 mg (1.79 mmol) of 2-(R)-Benzyloxymethyl-1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine, 500 mg (2.05 mmol) of (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid, and 280 mg (2.05 mmol) of 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole in 6 mL of N,N-Dimethylformamide at 0°C was added 430 mg (2.24mmol) of 1-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride. After two hours, the reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and was stirred for an additional 12 hours. The solution was partitioned between water and ethyl acetate, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with 1M NaHSO₄, water, 1M NaOH, water, and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil.

[0473] The oil from above was heated in 6 mL of 48% HBr in acetic acid, with an additional 5 mL of acetic acid, at 70°C for one hour, followed by cooling to ambient temperature. The mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once each with 1M NaOH and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed to give 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone as a white foam: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ

7.18 (m, 1H), 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.51 (m, 1H), 5.43 (m, 1H), 5.24 (m, 1H), 5.14 (m, 1H), 4.34-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 3.17 (par.obsc.m, 1H), 3.49-3.30 (m, 4H), 3.27-3.07 (m, 3H), 2.18 (m, 3H) ppm (rotomers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 481.0, found = 481.0.

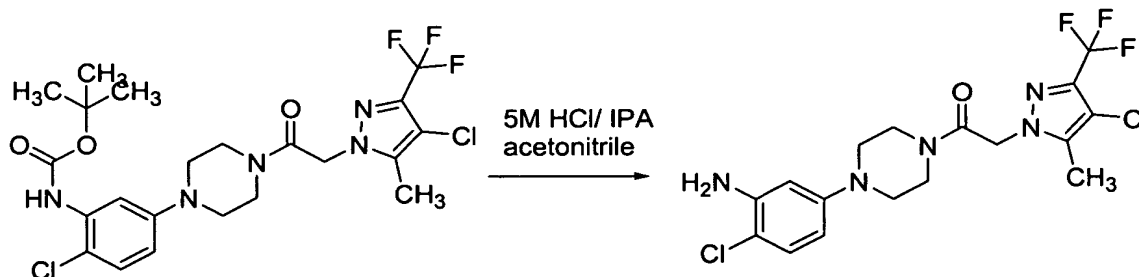
[0474] In addition, Acetic acid 1-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-2-ylmethyl ester was also isolated as a colorless glass: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.46 (m, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.37(m, 1H), 4.28-3.87 (m, 5H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.84 (m, 3H) ppm (rotomers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 523.0, found = 523.0.

10 **Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methylaminomethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:**



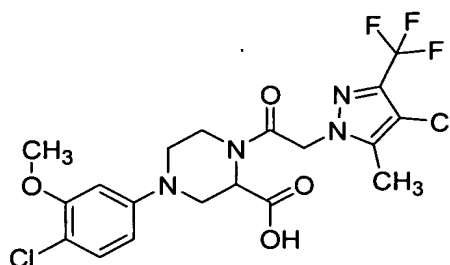
[0475] 90 mg (0.15 mmol) of (2-Chloro-5-{4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzyl)-methyl-carbamic acid benzyl ester was treated with an excess of HBr/AcOH at room temperature for several hours, then purified by prep HPLC to give 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methylaminomethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400MHz) δ 7.30 (d, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 3.71 (d, 4H), 3.21 (d, 4H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H) ppm MS (ES) M+H expect = 464.1, found = 464.0.

20 **Synthesis of 1-[4-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:**



[0476] 284 mg (0.5 mmol) of 1-[4-(3-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone was dissolved in a 1 mL each of acetonitrile, methanol, and 5M HCl in isopropanol. After several hours, the title compound was isolated as a solid by filtration: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.15 (br, 4 H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.67 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.70 (m, 4H), 3.31 (m, 2H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 436.0, found = 436.0.

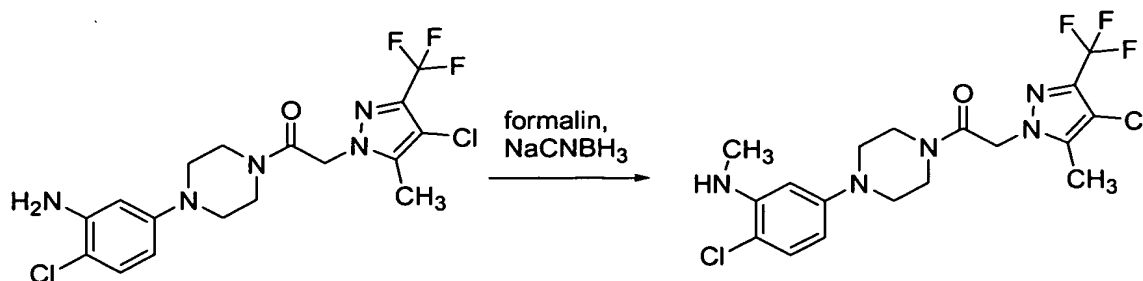
Synthesis of 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-1-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid:



[0477] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid (-)-menthol ester and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid. The product was further treated with a ten-fold excess of LiOH in 1/1 THF/water for 24 hours, and the reaction was purified by reverse phase HPLC to give the product as an oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, 1H), 6.59 (d, 1H), 5.22 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.05- 2.99 (m, 3H), 3.32- 3.19 (m, 4H), 2.29 (m, 3H), 2.06 (m, 1H) MS (ES) (M+H) expected = 495.1, found = 495.1

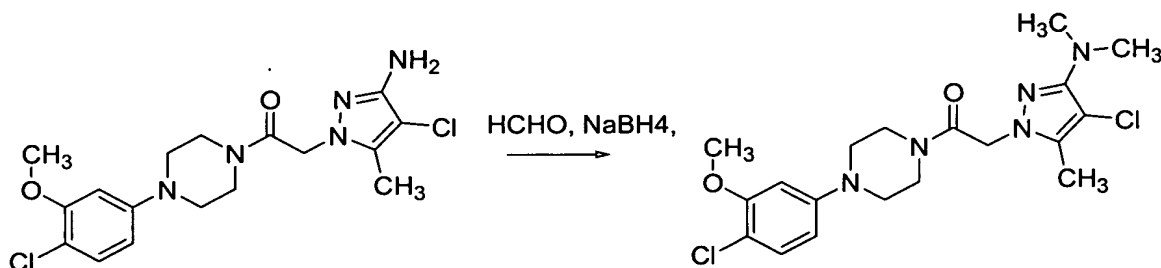
Protocol W: Preparation of compounds via borohydride-mediated reductive alkylation.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



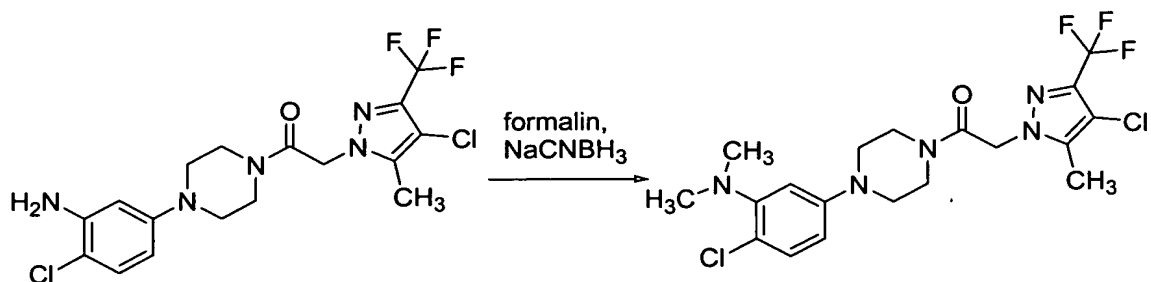
[0478] To 60 mg (0.13 mmol) of 1-[4-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 1 mL methanol was added 13 mg (0.19 mmol) of sodium cyanoborohydride and 14 microliters (0.16 mmol) of a 12.3M solution of formaldehyde in water. After 3 hours, the reaction was quenched by adding 50 microliters concentrated HCl. After 30 minutes, the solution was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was basified with 1M NaOH, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2 M HCl in ether, and diluted with ether to give the product as a solid: MS (ES) M+H expect = 450.0, found = 450.0; HPLC retention time = 4.89 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone:



[0479] 120 mg (0.30 mmol) of 2-(4-Chloro-3-amino-5-methyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethanone was dissolved in 5 mL of tetrahydrofuran, and 0.10 mL of 0.1M H₂SO₄ was added. To this, 0.75 mL (9 mmol) of 37% formaldehyde in water was added, followed by 113 mg (3 mmol) of sodium borohydride. After 4 hours, the solution was quenched with 50 microliters of concentrated HCl. The mixture was then partitioned between 1/1 ether/hexanes and water, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was basified to pH > 10 with 1 M NaOH, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed twice with water, once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was purified by chromatography to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300MHz) δ 7.20 (d, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.17 (m, 4H), 2.79 (s, 6H), 2.16 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 426.0, found = 426.0.

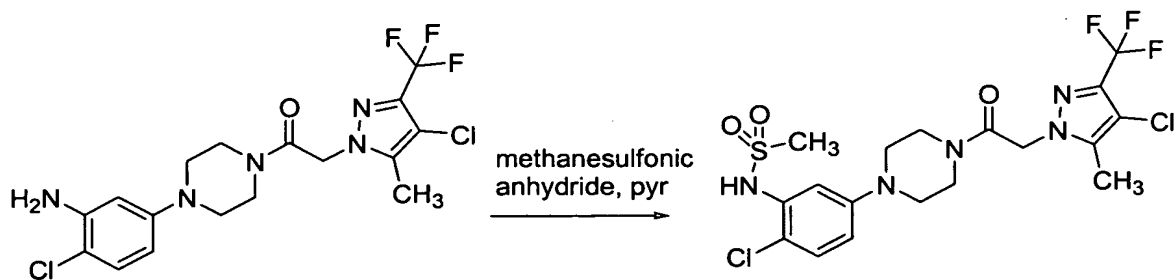
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



- 5 [0480] To 80 mg (0.17 mmol) of 1-[4-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 1 mL methanol was added 30 mg (0.39 mmol) of sodium cyanoborohydride and 32 microliters (0.39 mmol) of a 12.3M solution of formaldehyde in water. After 3 hours, the reaction was quenched by adding 50 microliters concentrated HCl. After 30 minutes, the solution was partitioned between ether and water, and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was basified with 1M NaOH, and was extracted twice with ethyl acetate. The combined ethyl acetate phases were washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was dissolved in methanol, acidified with 2 M HCl in ether, and diluted with ether to give the product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.89 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.91 (br s, 6H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 464.0, found = 464.0.

Protocol X: Preparation of compounds via Acylation or sulfonylation.

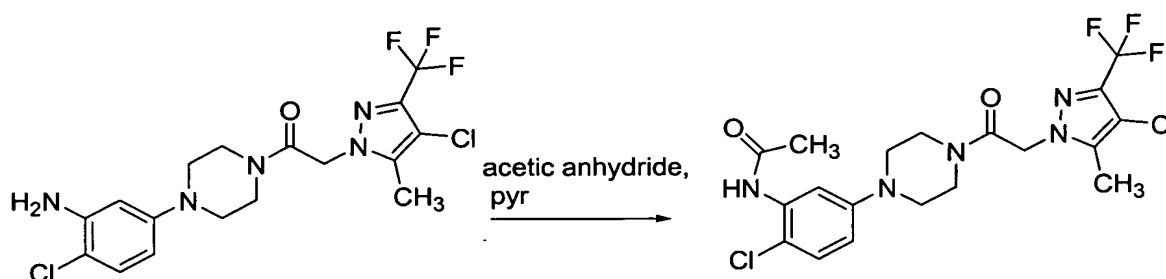
- 20 **Synthesis of N-(2-Chloro-5-{4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide:**



- [0481] To 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 1.5 mL dichloromethane

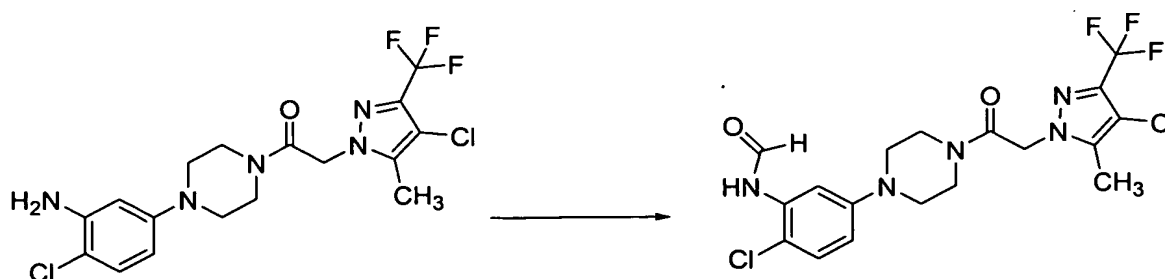
were added 39 mg (0.5 mmol) of pyridine and 21 mg (0.12 mmol) of methansulfonic anhydride. After 20 hours, the solution was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was triturated with ether to give the title product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 9.33 (s, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.90 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.63 (m, 4H), 3.26 (m, 2H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 514.0, found = 514.0.

Synthesis of N-(2-Chloro-5-{4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-acetamide:



[0482] To 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 1.5 mL dichloromethane were added 39 mg (0.5 mmol) of pyridine and 11 mg (0.12 mmol) of acetic anhydride. After 20 hours, the solution was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was triturated with ether to give the title product as a solid: ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 9.38 (s, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.81 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.22 (m, 2H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 478.0, found = 478.0.

Synthesis of N-(2-Chloro-5-{4-[2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-phenyl)-formamide:



[0483] To 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-dimethylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 1.5 mL N,N-

Dimethylformamide were added 22 mg (0.2 mmol) of triethylamine and 30 microliters (0.25 mmol) of Formic acid cyanomethyl ester, and the mixture was heated at 90° C for 18 hours.

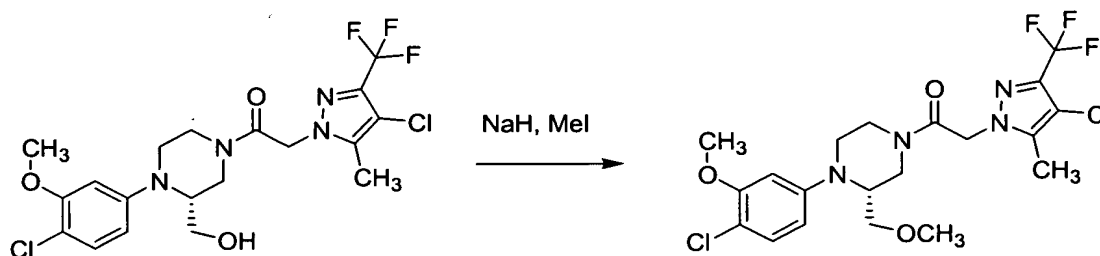
5 The solution was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The ethyl acetate phase was washed once with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to an oil. The oil was triturated with ether to give the title product as a solid: ¹H

NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 6.79 (m, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES)

10 M+H expect = 464.0, found = 464.0.

Protocol Y: Preparation of compounds via alkylation.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-methoxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



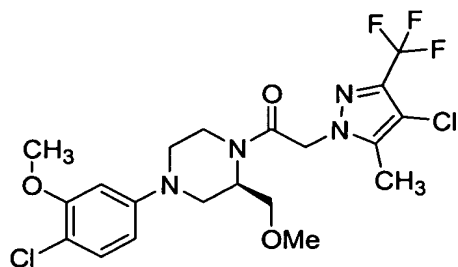
[0484] To 53 mg (0.11 mmol) of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-hydroxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone and 19 mg (0.13 mmol) of methyl iodide in 0.7 mL of N,N-dimethylformamide was added 9 mg

20 (0.22 mmol) of 60% sodium hydride in oil. After 1 hour, the reaction was quenched with water, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the title product as a foam: MS (ES)

M+H expect = 495.0, found = 495.0; HPLC retention time = 5.08 minutes (Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 2.1X50 mm, 5μ, 35°C) using a 4.5 minute gradient of 20% to 95% B with a 1.1

25 minute wash at 95% B (A = 0.1% formic acid / 5% acetonitrile / 94.9% water, B = 0.08% formic acid / 99.9% acetonitrile).

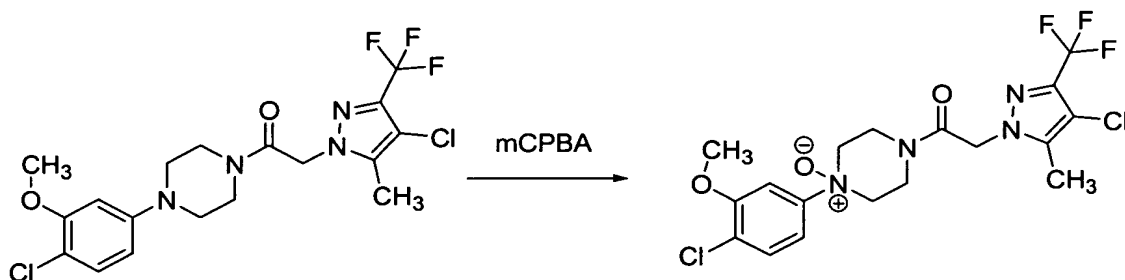
Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-(R)-methoxymethyl-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



[0485] Title compound was prepared following the HATU mediated coupling protocol P, wherein 1-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-3-(R)-methoxymethyl-piperazine and (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-acetic acid were used as the coupling components, to give the product as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 7.20 (m, 1H), 6.63 (m, 1H), 6.49 (m, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.40 (m, 5H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 3.08-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 3H) ppm (rotamers); MS (ES) M+H expect = 495.0, found = 495.0.

Protocol Z: Preparation of compounds via peroxyacid-mediated N-oxidation.

Synthesis of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-4-oxy-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone:



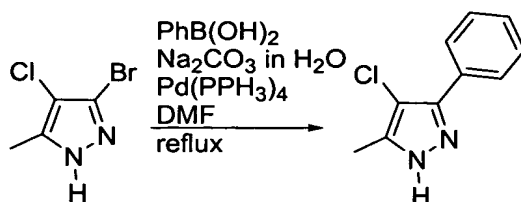
[0486] To 103 mg (0.23 mmol) of 1-[4-(4-Chloro-3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(4-chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethanone in 3 mL dichloromethane at 0°C was added 60 mg (0.34mmol) of meta-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid. After 30 minutes, the reaction was partitioned between 1/1 ether/ethyl acetate and water, and the phases were separated. The organic phase was washed once each with 1M NaOH, water, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and the product precipitated as a solid: ^1H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400MHz) δ 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 5.40 (m, 2H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.98 (m,

1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.85 (par.obs.m, 1H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expect = 467.0, found = 467.0.

Protocol AA: Synthesis of tri-substituted Pyrazoles via Suzuki coupling.

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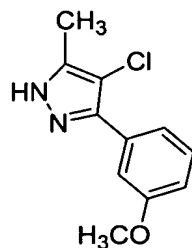
4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-phenyl-pyrazole:



[0487] 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-bromopyrazole (1.27 mmole) was taken into dry DMF (20 mL) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.44 mmole) was added, followed by addition of Na₂CO₃ (344.1 mg in 1 mL of water) and phenylboronic (1.41 mmole) acid. The mixture was then refluxed at 150°C for 22h, cooled to room temperature, and then inorganic salts were removed by filtration. 20 mL of dichloromethane was added to it and was washed with water to remove any DMF. The organic layer was then dried in Na₂SO₄ and removed to get the crude product which was then chromatographed to obtain the pure compound.

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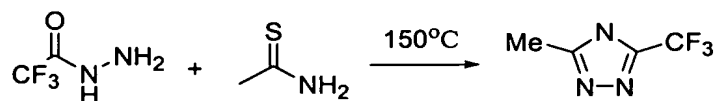
Other pyrazoles prepared via protocol AA:



Protocol BB: Triazole via cyclocondensation of acylhydrazine and thioamide.

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5-Methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazole



[0488] 2.3 g (0.03125 mol) of thioacetamide and 4 g (0.03125 mol) of trifluoroacetic acid hydrazide were heated at 150 °C for 2 days. The white solid obtained was washed with ether,

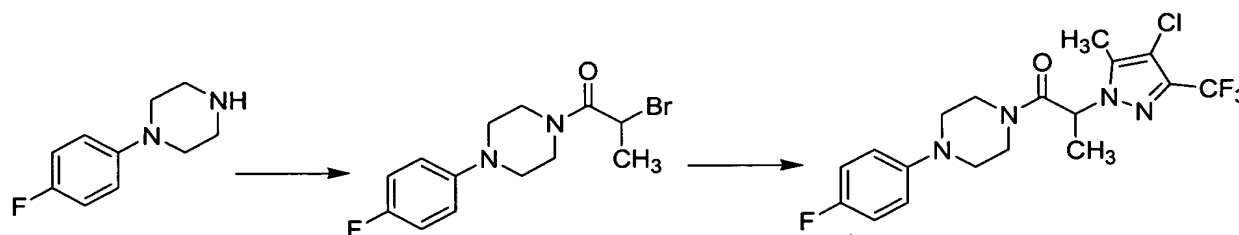
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and dried under vacuum to give 5-Methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-1,2,4-triazole.

Preparation of compounds with modified linker regions

5 **α -substituted acetyl linkers**

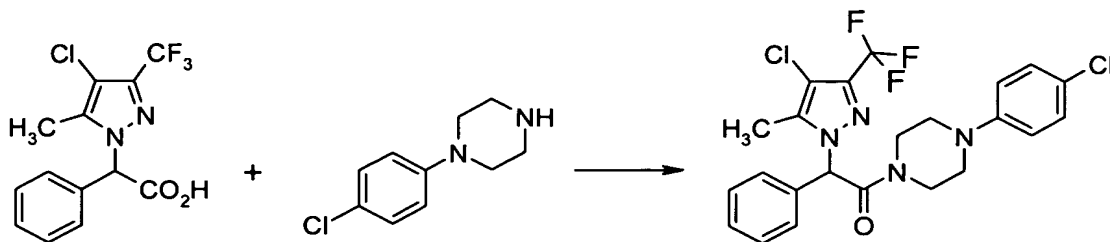
Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-1-one



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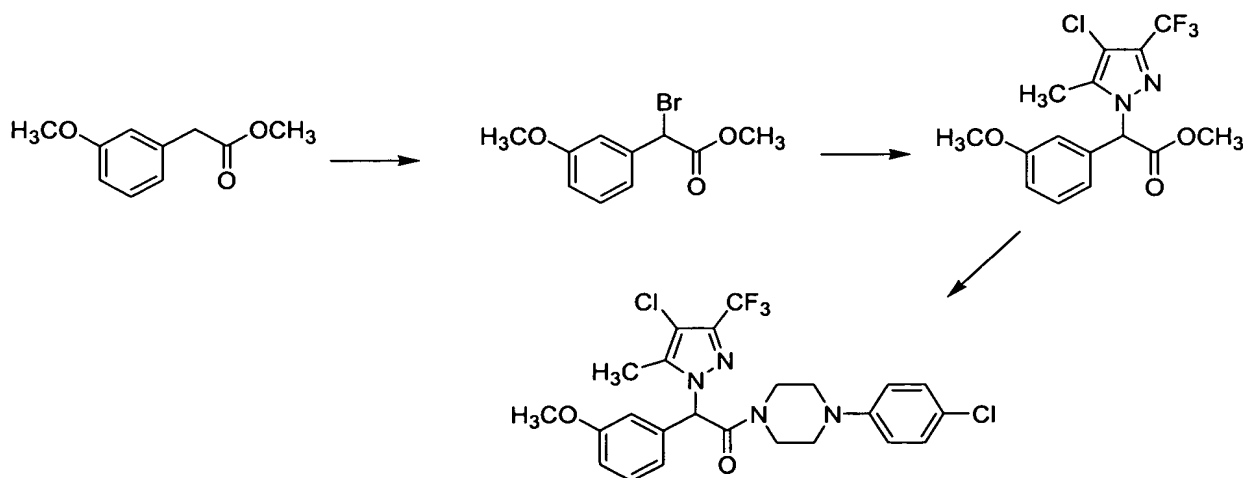
[0489] 1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-piperazine (1 g, 5.5 mmol) dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was cooled to 0°C and triethylamine (1.66 g, 16.5 mmol) was added to it. 2-bromopropionyl chloride (1.14 g, 6.6 mol) was added slowly and the reaction mixture stirred for another 1 h at the same temperature. The mixture was washed with sodium bicarbonate and brine and dried (15 Na_2SO_4). Evaporation of the solvent afforded the intermediate alkyl bromide (0.68 g, 3.7 mmol) which was taken into dry DMF (20 mL). Potassium carbonate (2.1 g) was added. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature under nitrogen, 3-Methyl-4-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl- (1H)-pyrazole (1.3 g, 4.1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at 70°C for 14 h, cooled and (20 quenched with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. Drying of the organic layer over Na_2SO_4 followed by concentration afforded material that was purified on a neutral alumina column (chloroform/methanol).

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-phenyl-ethanone



[0490] To 4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] phenylacetic acid (0.1 g, 0.00036 mol) and 1-(4-chlorophenyl) piperazine (0.060 g, 0.00031 mol) in 20 mL of dry CH₂Cl₂ was added 0.2 mL of triethylamine and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 30 min. TBTU (0.1 g, 0.00031 mol) was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with 60 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 × 50 mL), brine and then dried over sodium sulfate. The crude product obtained after concentration was purified by column chromatography to give the product as an off white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300MHz) 7.40-6.61 (m, 10H), 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.50-2.81 (m, 6H), 1.90 (s, 3H) ppm; MS (ES) M+H expected = 497.1, found 497.2.

Synthesis of 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanone



[0491] AIBN (10 mg) was added to a solution of (3-Methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid methyl ester (2 g, 11 mmol) in CCl₄ (30 mL). The solution was then heated to reflux and NBS (2.3 g, 13 mmol) was added in portions. After complete addition the reaction mixture was

refluxed for 4h. After cooling, solid residue was filtered off and the filtrate concentrated to yield product Bromo-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid methyl ester, that was washed repeatedly with pet ether.

[0492] 4-Chloro-3-methyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole (610 mg, 3.3 mmol) was taken into dry CH₃CN (15 mL), dry potassium carbonate (1.15 g) was added to this and the resulting mixture stirred at room temperature for 1h under nitrogen. Bromo-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid methyl ester (900 mg, 2.8 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) was then added to the mixture through a syringe. The reaction was then heated at reflux for 10h, cooled and then filtered through a celite filter bed. The filtrate was concentrated to obtain (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid ethyl ester that was purified by column chromatography on silica (pet ether/ethyl acetate)

[0493] (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid methyl ester was then dissolved in THF (20 mL) and LiOH (0.39 g) in water (5 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h. After this period the THF was completely evaporated from the reaction mixture under vacuum. The remaining aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 5 mL) and the organic layer was discarded. The aqueous layer was cooled in ice and neutralized by using concentrated HCl. This neutral aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x10 mL), the organic layer dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH) to yield (4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-acetic acid

[0494] This compound (90 mg, 0.275 mmol) was taken into dry CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and cooled to 0°C. To this cold mixture was first added 4-chlorophenyl-piperazine (0.059 g, 0.31 mmol) followed by the addition of T3P (0.35 g, 0.55 mmol, 50% solution in EtOAc). The reaction was left overnight at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, and then washed sequentially with saturated NaHCO₃ solution, brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated to afford the crude product. Purification by column chromatography on neutral alumina yielded 2-(4-Chloro-5-methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-1-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanone: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.96-6.79 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H).

EXAMPLE 2

[0495] This example illustrates the activity associated with representative compounds of the invention.

Materials and Methods

5 A. Cells

CCR1 expressing cells

a. THP-1 cells

[0496] THP-1 cells were obtained from ATCC and cultured as a suspension in RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine, 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 4.5 g/L glucose,
10 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 0.05% 2-mercaptoethanol and 10% FBS. Cells were grown under 5% CO₂/95% air, 100% humidity at 37°C and subcultured twice weekly at 1:5 and harvested at 1 x 10⁶ cells/mL. THP-1 cells express CCR1 and can be used in CCR1 binding and functional assays.

15 b. Isolated human monocytes

[0497] Monocytes were isolated from human buffy coats using the Miltenyi bead isolation system (Miltenyi, Auburn, CA). Briefly, following a Ficoll gradient separation to isolate peripheral blood mononuclear cells, cells were washed with PBS and the red blood cells lysed using standard procedures. Remaining cells were labeled with anti-CD14 antibodies
20 coupled to magnetic beads (Miltenyi Biotech, Auburn, CA). Labeled cells were passed through AutoMACS (Miltenyi, Auburn, CA) and positive fraction collected. Monocytes express CCR1 and can be used in CCR1 binding and functional assays.

B. Assays

25 *Inhibition of CCR1 ligand binding*

[0498] CCR1 expressing cells were centrifuged and resuspended in assay buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.1, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 5 mM MgCl₂, and with 0.2% bovine serum albumin) to a concentration of 2.2 x 10⁵ cells/mL for THP-1 cells and 1.1 x 10⁶ for monocytes. Binding assays were set up as follows. First, 0.09 mL of cells (1 x 10⁵ THP-1
30 cells/well or 5 x 10⁵ monocytes) was added to the assay plates containing the compounds, giving a final concentration of ~2-10 μM each compound for screening (or part of a dose response for compound IC₅₀ determinations). Then 0.09 mL of ¹²⁵I labeled MIP-1α (obtained

from Amersham; Piscataway, NJ) diluted in assay buffer to a final concentration of ~50 pM, yielding ~30,000 cpm per well, was added, the plates sealed and incubated for approximately 3 hours at 4°C on a shaker platform. Reactions were aspirated onto GF/B glass filters pre-soaked in 0.3% polyethyleneimine (PEI) solution, on a vacuum cell harvester (Packard Instruments; Meriden, CT). Scintillation fluid (50 µl; Microscint 20, Packard Instruments) was added to each well, the plates were sealed and radioactivity measured in a Top Count scintillation counter (Packard Instruments). Control wells containing either diluent only (for total counts) or excess MIP-1α or MIP-1β (1 µg/mL, for non-specific binding) were used to calculate the percent of total inhibition for compound. The computer program Prism from GraphPad, Inc. (San Diego, Ca) was used to calculate IC₅₀ values. IC₅₀ values are those concentrations required to reduce the binding of labeled MIP-1α to the receptor by 50%.

Calcium mobilization

[0499] To detect the release of intracellular stores of calcium, cells (THP-1 or monocytes) were incubated with 3 µM of INDO-1AM dye (Molecular Probes; Eugene, OR) in cell media for 45 minutes at room temperature and washed with phosphate buffered saline (PBS). After INDO-1AM loading, the cells were resuspended in flux buffer (Hank's balanced salt solution (HBSS) and 1% FBS). Calcium mobilization was measured using a Photon Technology International spectrophotometer (Photon Technology International; New Jersey) with excitation at 350 nm and dual simultaneous recording of fluorescence emission at 400 nm and 490 nm. Relative intracellular calcium levels were expressed as the 400 nm/490 nm emission ratio. Experiments were performed at 37°C with constant mixing in cuvettes each containing 10⁶ cells in 2 mL of flux buffer. The chemokine ligands may be used over a range from 1 to 100 nM. The emission ratio was plotted over time (typically 2-3 minutes). Candidate ligand blocking compounds (up to 10 µM) were added at 10 seconds, followed by chemokines at 60 seconds (i.e., MIP-1α; R&D Systems; Minneapolis, MN) and control chemokine (i.e., SDF-1α; R&D Systems; Minneapolis, MN) at 150 seconds.

Chemotaxis assays

[0500] Chemotaxis assays were performed using 5 µm pore polycarbonate, polyvinylpyrrolidone-coated filters in 96-well chemotaxis chambers (Neuroprobe; Gaithersburg, MD) using chemotaxis buffer (Hank's balanced salt solution (HBSS) and 1%

FBS). CCR1 chemokine ligands (i.e, MIP-1 α , Leukotactin; R&D Systems; Minneapolis, MN) are used to evaluate compound mediated inhibition of CCR1 mediated migration. Other chemokines (i.e., SDF-1 α ; R&D Systems; Minneapolis, MN) are used as specificity controls. The lower chamber was loaded with 29 μ l of chemokine (i.e., 0.1 nM MIP-1 α) and varying amounts of compound; the top chamber contained 100,000 THP-1 or monocyte cells in 20 μ l. The chambers were incubated 1-2 hours at 37°C, and the number of cells in the lower chamber quantified either by direct cell counts in five high powered fields per well or by the CyQuant assay (Molecular Probes), a fluorescent dye method that measures nucleic acid content and microscopic observation.

Identification of inhibitors of CCR1

A. Assay

[0501] To evaluate small organic molecules that prevent the receptor CCR1 from binding ligand, an assay was employed that detected radioactive ligand (i.e, MIP-1 α or leukotactin) binding to cells expressing CCR1 on the cell surface (for example, THP-1 cells or isolated human monocytes). For compounds that inhibited binding, whether competitive or not, fewer radioactive counts are observed when compared to uninhibited controls.

[0502] THP-1 cells and monocytes lack other chemokine receptors that bind the same set of chemokine ligands as CCR1 (i.e., MIP-1 α , MIP-1 β , Leukotactin, etc.). Equal numbers of cells were added to each well in the plate. The cells were then incubated with radiolabeled MIP-1 α . Unbound ligand was removed by washing the cells, and bound ligand was determined by quantifying radioactive counts. Cells that were incubated without any organic compound gave total counts; non-specific binding was determined by incubating the cells with unlabeled ligand and labeled ligand. Percent inhibition was determined by the equation:

$$\% \text{ inhibition} = (1 - [(\text{sample cpm}) - (\text{nonspecific cpm})] / [(\text{total cpm}) - (\text{nonspecific cpm})]) \times 100.$$

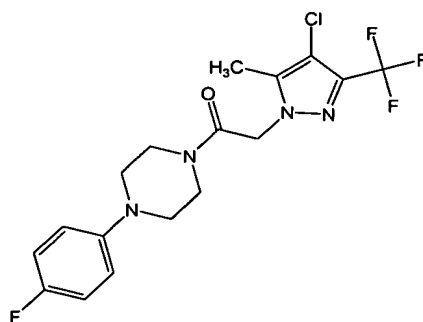
B. Inhibitors from a compound library identified using CCR1 expressing cells

[0503] In a screen of a set of compounds, the normalized standard deviation was 17%, indicating that inhibitory activity of 34% or more was significant; again, a 40% threshold was used. These pooled compound plates yielded 39 wells that exhibited greater than 40%

inhibition of MIP-1 α binding. When screened a second time as pooled compound plates, 14 of these wells decreased ligand by greater than 40%. To determine which of the compounds in each well inhibited CCR1 ligation of MIP-1 α , the pools were deconvoluted by testing each of the compounds individually for inhibitory activity in the assay. Because some compounds may act together to inhibit binding and deconvolution assays only tested compounds individually, compounds that were effective in combination but not singly were not found in this experiment. Testing the compounds singly identified inhibitory candidates:

C. Inhibitor from compound library identified using CCR1-expressing cells

[0504] CCX-105 was identified from the compound screening effort.



Dose Response Curves

[0505] To ascertain a candidate compound's affinity for CCR1 as well as confirm its ability to inhibit ligand binding, inhibitory activity was titrated over a 1×10^{-10} to 1×10^{-4} M range of compound concentrations. In the assay, the amount of compound was varied; while cell number and ligand concentration were held constant. Compound CCX-105 was titrated and found to be a potent inhibitor of CCR1 specific chemokine binding (see Table, for compound 1.001).

CCR1 functional assays

[0506] CCR1 is a seven transmembrane, G-protein linked receptor. A hallmark of signaling cascades induced by the ligation of some such receptors is the pulse-like release of calcium ions from intracellular stores. Calcium mobilization assays were performed to determine if the candidate CCR1 inhibitory compounds were able to also block aspects of CCR1 signaling. Candidate compounds able to inhibit ligand binding and signaling with an enhanced specificity over other chemokine and non-chemokine receptors were desired.

[0507] Calcium ion release in response to CCR1 chemokine ligands (i.e., MIP-1 α , MIP-1, Leukotactin, etc.) was measured using the calcium indicator INDO-1. THP-1 cells or monocytes were loaded with INDO-1/AM and assayed for calcium release in response to CCR1 chemokine ligand (i.e., MIP-1 α) addition. To control for specificity, non-CCR1 ligands, specifically bradykinin, was added, which also signals via a seven transmembrane receptor. Without compound, a pulse of fluorescent signal will be seen upon MIP-1 α addition. If a compound specifically inhibits CCR1-MIP-1 α signaling, then little or no signal pulse will be seen upon MIP-1 α addition, but a pulse will be observed upon bradykinin addition. However, if a compound non-specifically inhibits signaling, then no pulse will be seen upon both MIP-1 α and bradykinin addition.

[0508] As shown below, CCX-105 was able to significantly and specifically inhibit signaling from CCR1.

Table 2. Inhibition of calcium signaling

Compound	MIP-1 α ¹	Bradykinin ¹	Comments
CCX-105	-	+	Specific inhibition
¹ +, pulse observed, -, no pulse observed, n.s., non-specific signal (see main text)			

[0509] One of the primary functions of chemokines is their ability to mediate the migration of chemokine receptor-expressing cells, such as white blood cells. To confirm that CCX-105 inhibited not only CCR1 specific binding and signaling (at least as determined by calcium mobilization assays), but also CCR1 mediated migration, a chemotaxis assay was employed. THP-1 myelomonocytic leukemia cells, which resemble monocytes, as well as freshly isolated monocytes, were used as targets for chemoattraction by CCR1 chemokine ligands (i.e., MIP-1 α , CCL15/leukotactin). Cells were placed in the top compartment of a microwell migration chamber, while MIP-1 α (or other potent CCR1 chemokine ligand) and increasing concentrations of CCX-105 or other candidate compound was loaded in the lower chamber. In the absence of inhibitor, cells will migrate to the lower chamber in response to the chemokine agonist; if a compound inhibited CCR1 function, then the majority of cells will remain in the upper chamber. To ascertain a candidate compound's affinity for CCR1 as well as to confirm its ability to inhibit CCR1 mediated cell migration, inhibitory activity was titrated over a 1×10^{-10} to 1×10^{-4} M range of compound concentrations in this chemotaxis

assay. In this assay, the amount of compound was varied; while cell number and chemokine agonist concentrations were held constant. After the chemotaxis chambers were incubated 1-2 hours at 37°C, the responding cells in the lower chamber were quantified by labeling with the CyQuant assay (Molecular Probes), a fluorescent dye method that measures nucleic acid content, and by measuring with a Spectrafluor Plus (Tecan). The computer program Prism from GraphPad, Inc. (San Diego, Ca) was used to calculate IC₅₀ values. IC₅₀ values are those compound concentrations required to inhibit the number of cells responding to a CCR1 agonist by 50%.

In Vivo Efficacy

rabbit model of destructive joint inflammation

[0510] A study was conducted to evaluate the effects of CCX-105 on inhibiting the inflammatory response of rabbits to an intra-articular injection of the bacterial membrane component lipopolysaccharide (LPS). This study design mimics the destructive joint inflammation seen in arthritis. Intra-articular injection of LPS causes an acute inflammatory response characterized by the release of cytokines and chemokines, many of which have been identified in rheumatoid arthritic joints. Marked increases in leukocytes occur in synovial fluid and in synovium in response to elevation of these chemotactic mediators. Selective antagonists of chemokine receptors have shown efficacy in this model (see Podolin, et al., *J. Immunol.* **169**(11):6435-6444 (2002)).

[0511] In a rabbit LPS study conducted essentially as described in Podolin, et al. *ibid.*, female New Zealand rabbits (approximately 2 kilograms) were treated intra-articularly in one knee with LPS (10 ng) together with either vehicle only (phosphate buffered saline with 1% DMSO) or with addition of CCX-105 (dose 1 = 50 µM or dose 2 = 100 µM) in a total volume of 1.0 mL. Sixteen hours after the LPS injection, knees were lavaged and cells counts performed. Beneficial effects of treatment were determined by histopathologic evaluation of synovial inflammation. The following inflammation scores were used for the histopathologic evaluation: 1 - minimal, 2 - mild, 3 - moderate, 4 - moderate-marked. As shown below, CCX-105 was able to significantly and specifically inhibit the inflammatory response in this in vivo assay.

Table 3.

CCX-105 efficacy in a rabbit model of destructive joint inflammation

synovium inflammation score	
Vehicle	3
CCX-105 (dose 1)	2
CCX-105 (dose 2)	1

5 *Evaluation of compound 1.028 in a rat model of collagen induced arthritis*

[0512] A 17 day developing type II collagen arthritis study was conducted to evaluate the effects of compound 1.028 on arthritis induced clinical ankle swelling. Rat collagen arthritis is an experimental model of polyarthritis that has been widely used for preclinical testing of numerous anti-arthritic agents (see Trentham, et al., *J. Exp. Med.* **146(3)**:857-868 (1977), Bendele, et al., *Toxicologic Pathol.* **27**:134-142 (1999), Bendele, et al., *Arthritis Rheum.* **42**:498-506 (1999)). The hallmarks of this model are reliable onset and progression of robust, easily measurable polyarticular inflammation, marked cartilage destruction in association with pannus formation and mild to moderate bone resorption and periosteal bone proliferation.

15 [0513] Female Lewis rats (approximately 0.2 kilograms) were anesthetized with isoflurane and injected with Freund's Incomplete Adjuvant containing 2 mg/mL bovine type II collagen at the base of the tail and two sites on the back on days 0 and 6 of this 17 day study. Compound 1.028 was dosed daily in a sub-cutaneous manner from day 0 till day 17 at a dose of 25 mg/kg and a volume of 1 mL/kg in the following vehicle (20% N,N-dimethylacetamide, 20 75% corn oil, 5% Tween-80). Caliper measurements of the ankle joint diameter were taken, and reducing joint swelling was taken as a measure of efficacy. As shown below, compound 1.028 was able to significantly and specifically inhibit the arthritis induced ankle swelling in this in vivo assay.

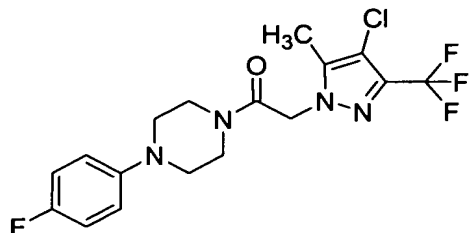
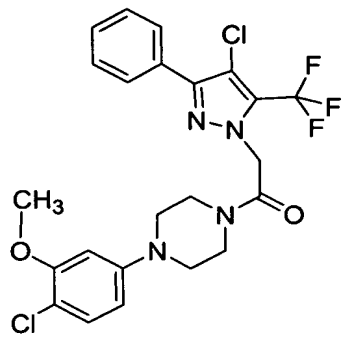
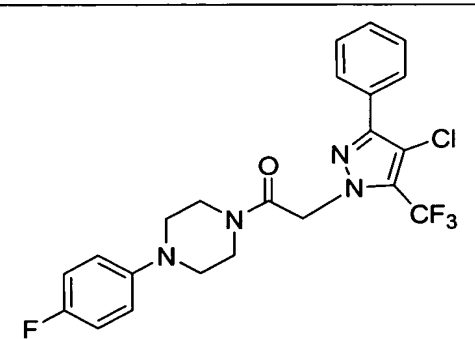
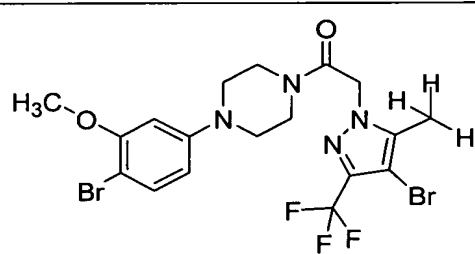
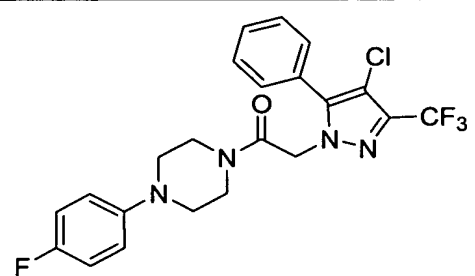
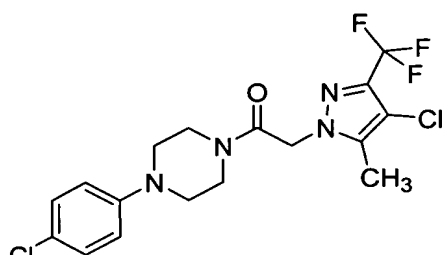
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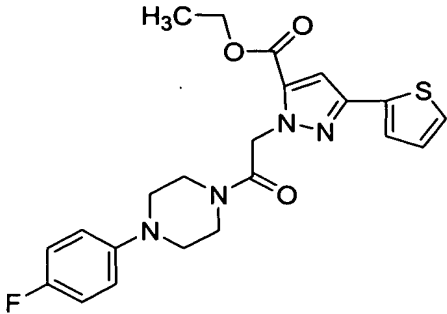
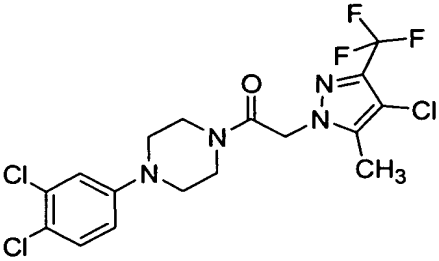
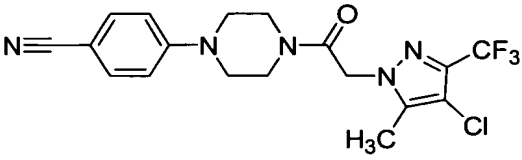
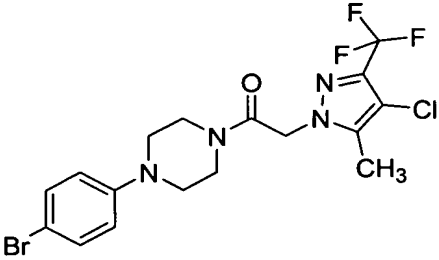
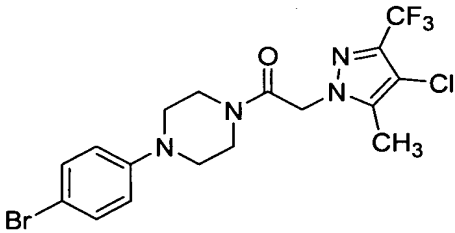
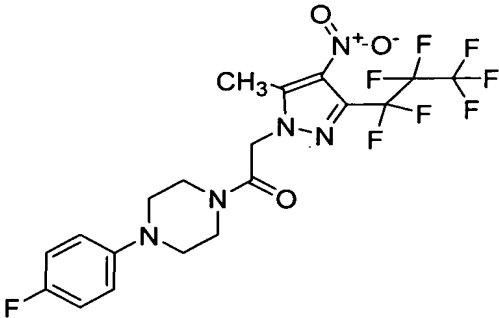
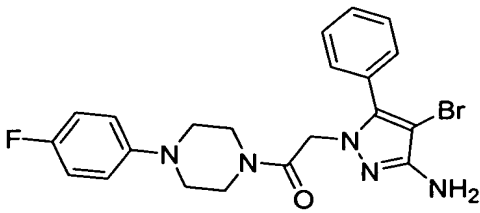
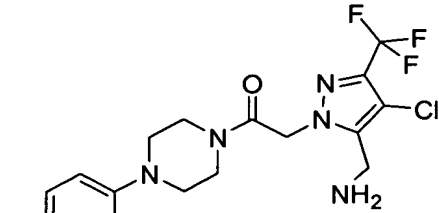
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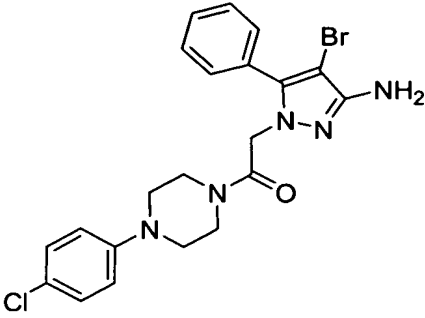
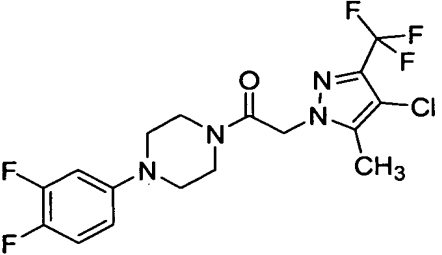
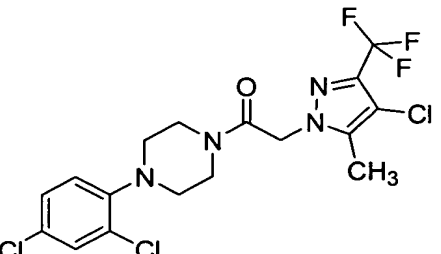
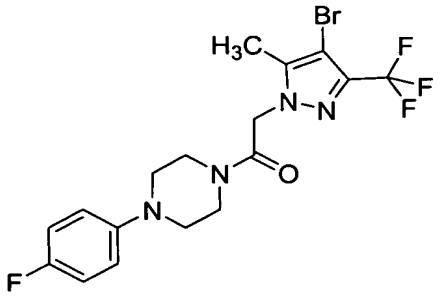
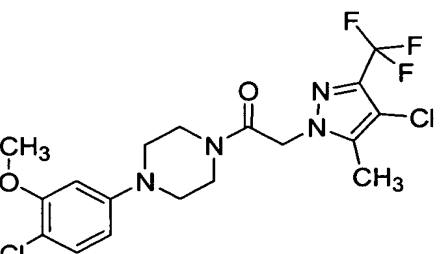
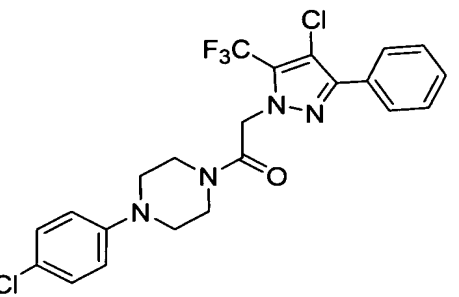
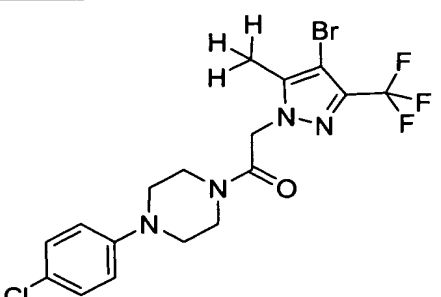
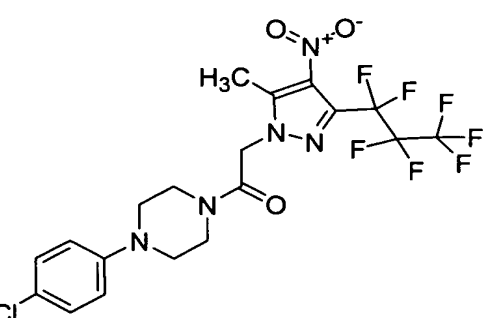
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Vehicle	15.7% +/- 2.0%
Normal	0% +/- 0.3%
Compound 1.028	9.1% +/- 1.8%

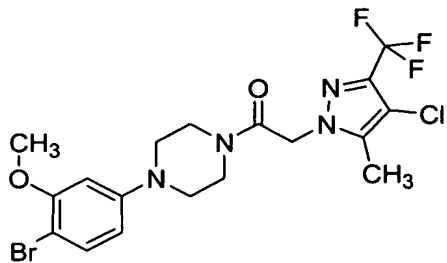
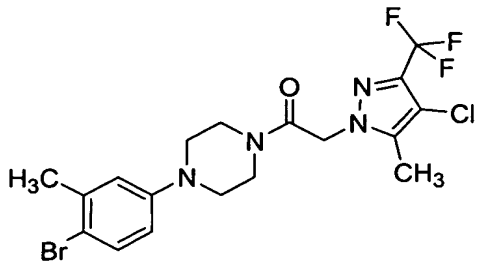
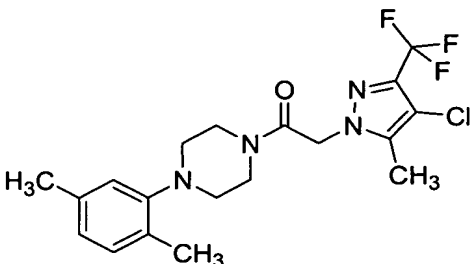
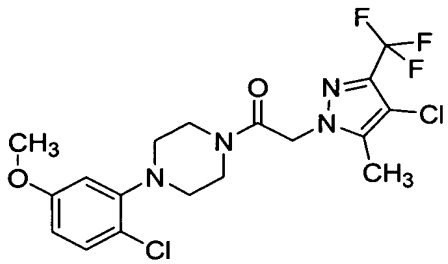
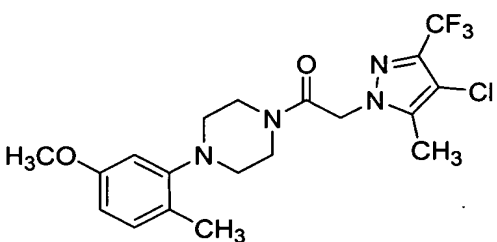
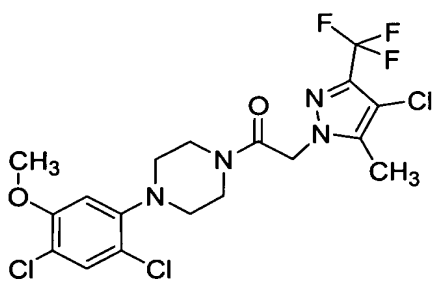
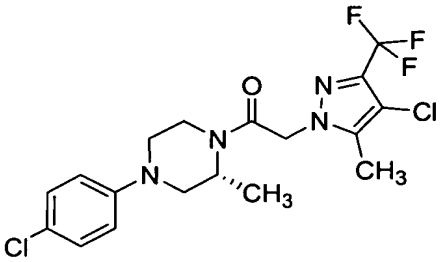
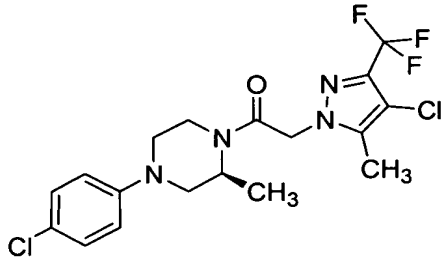
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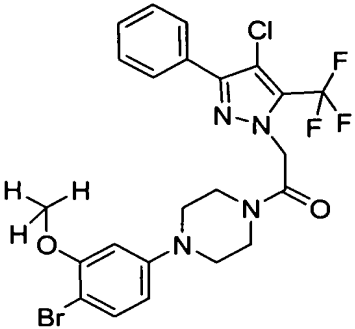
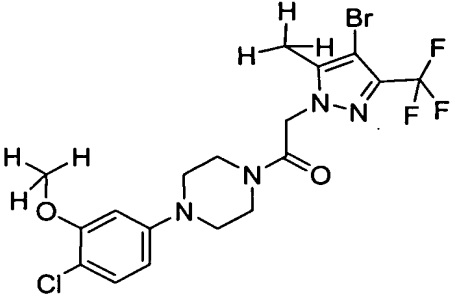
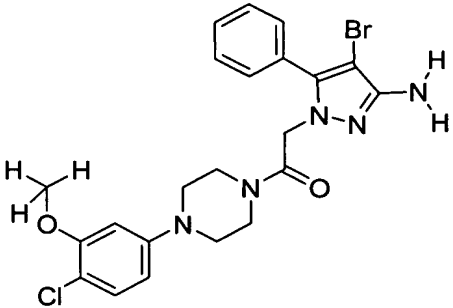
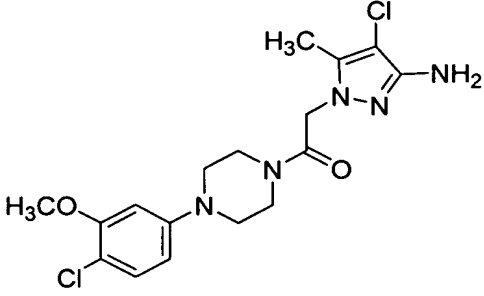
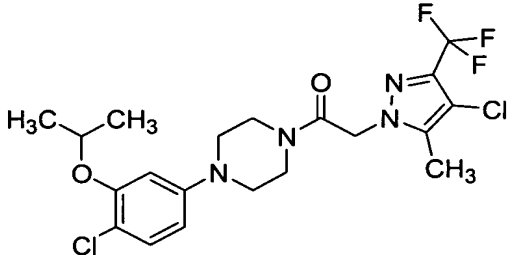
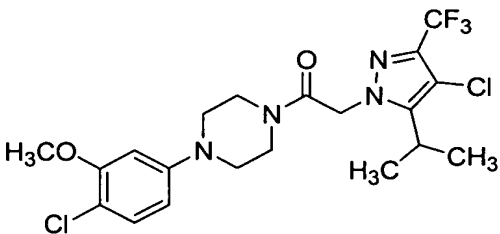
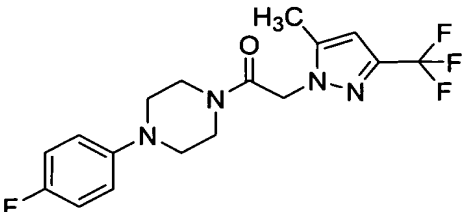
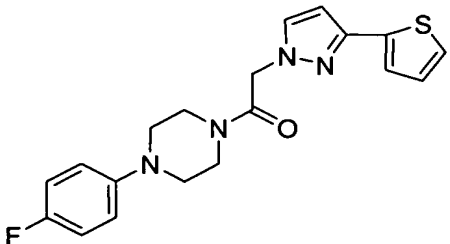
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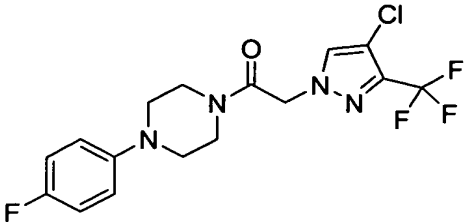
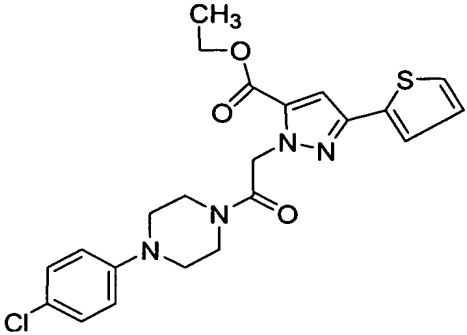
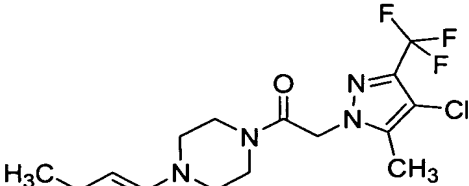
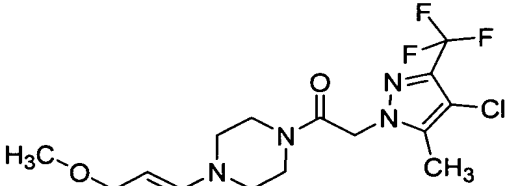
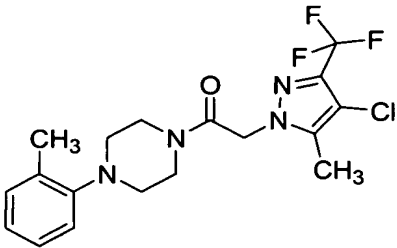
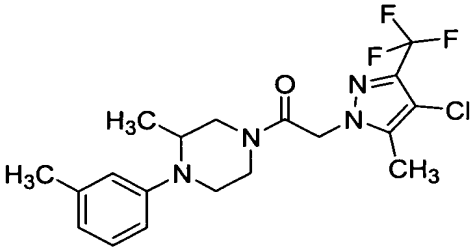
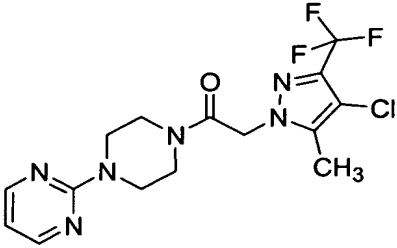
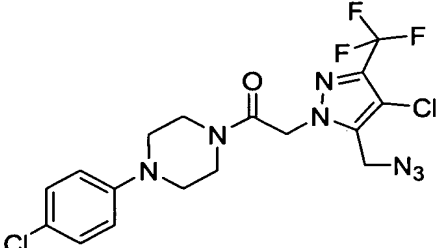
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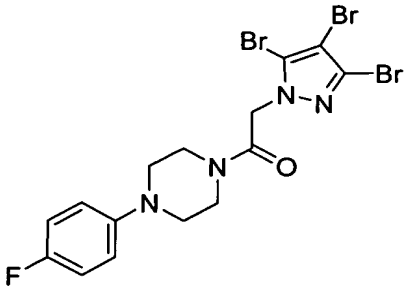
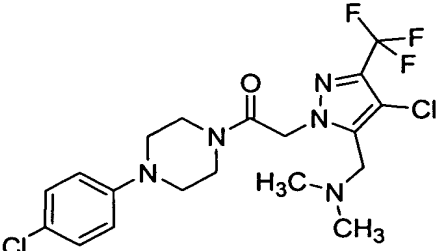
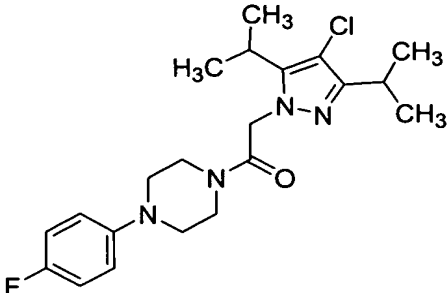
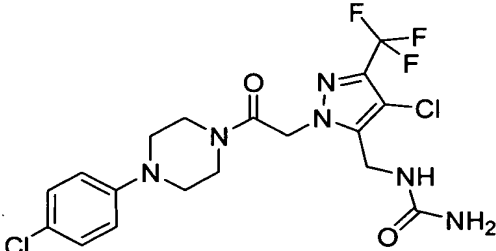
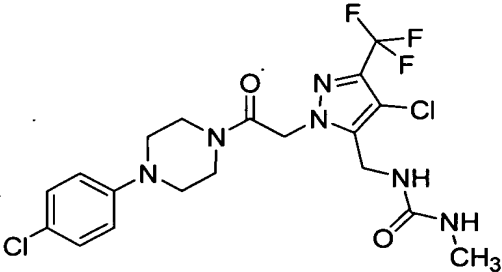
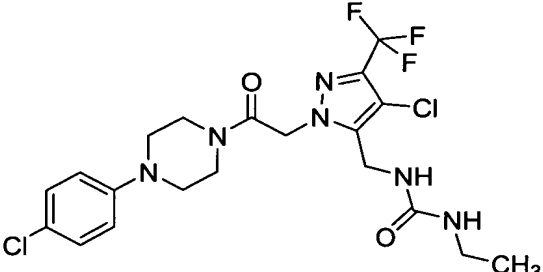
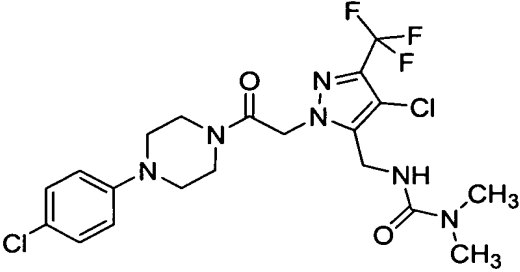
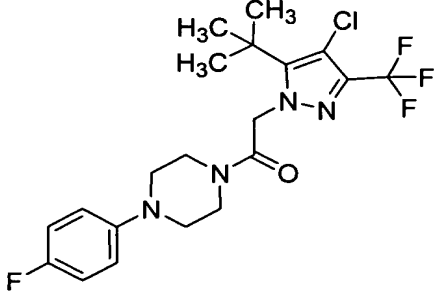
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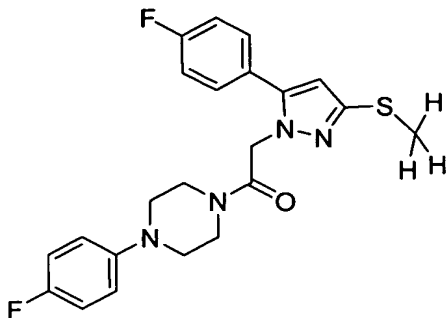
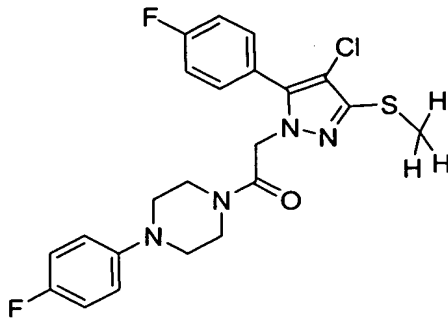
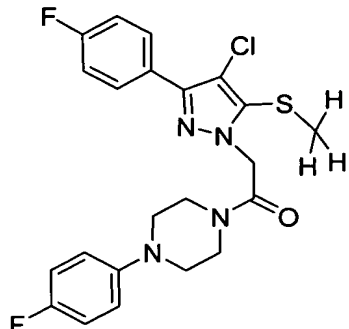
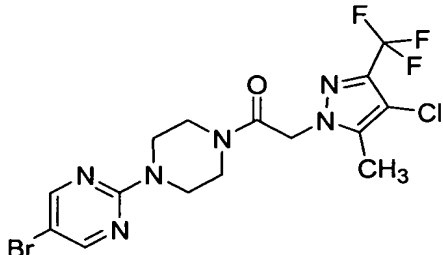
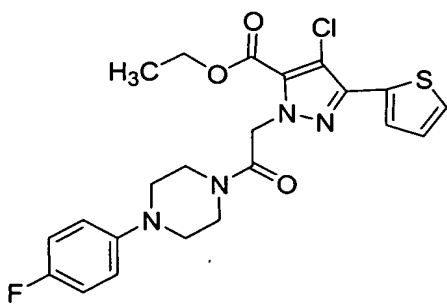
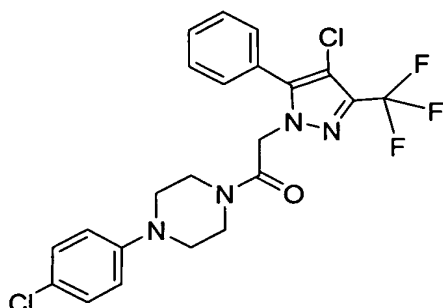
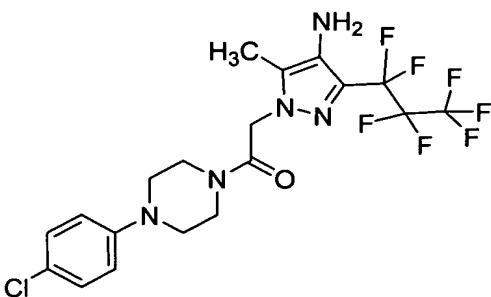
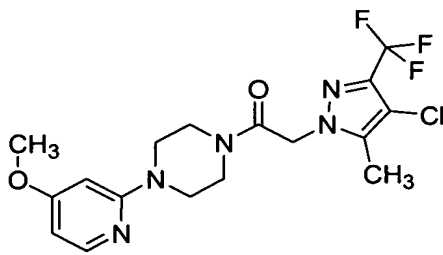
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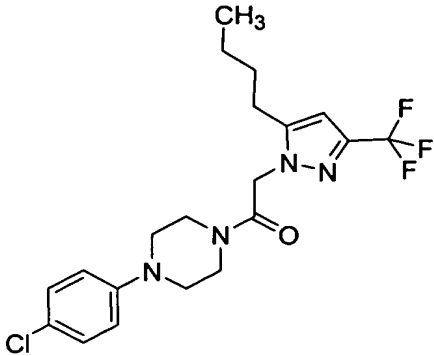
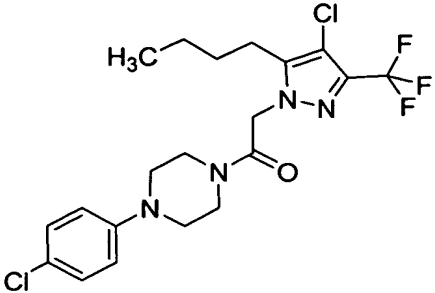
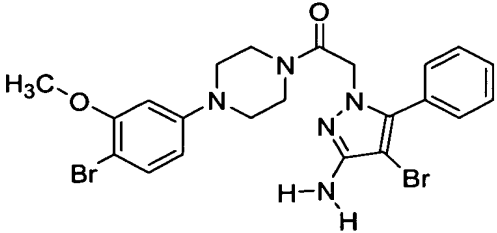
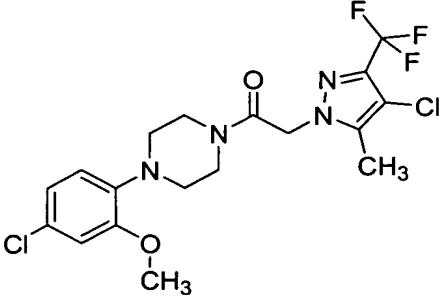
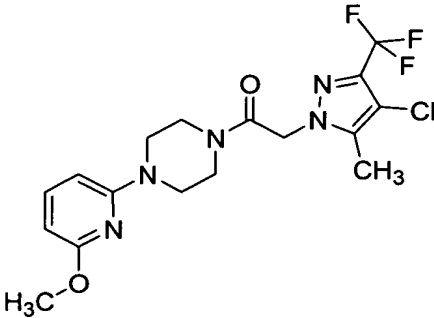
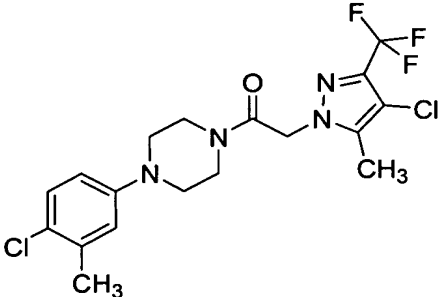
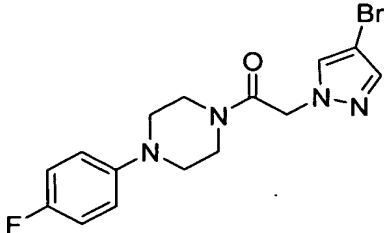
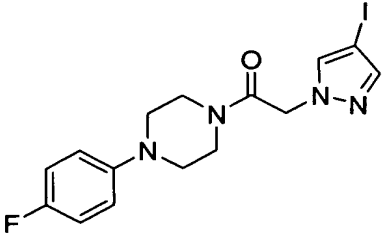
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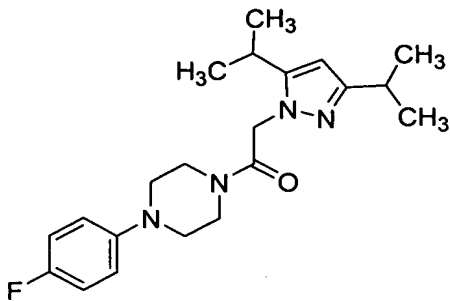
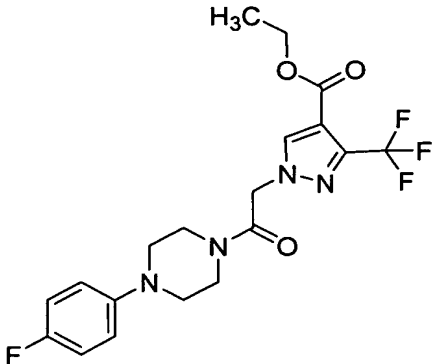
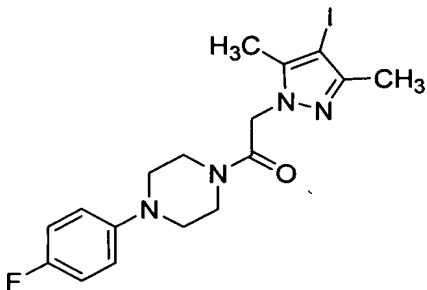
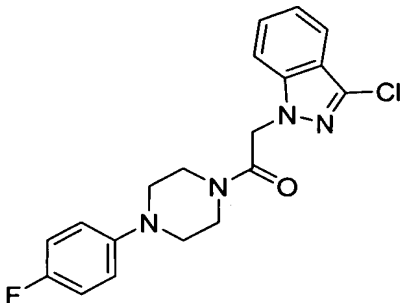
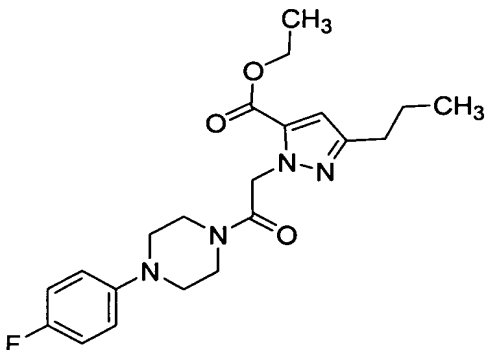
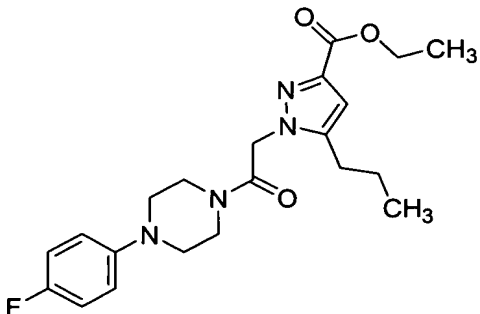
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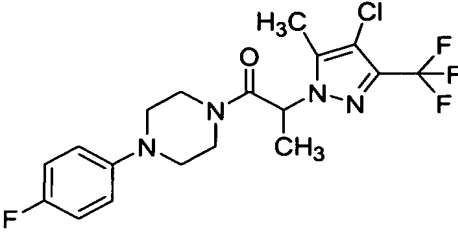
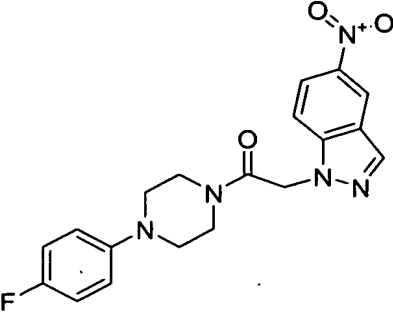
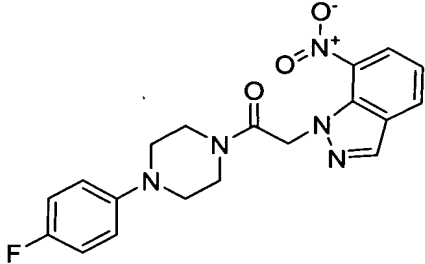
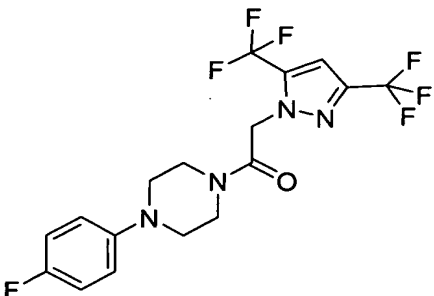
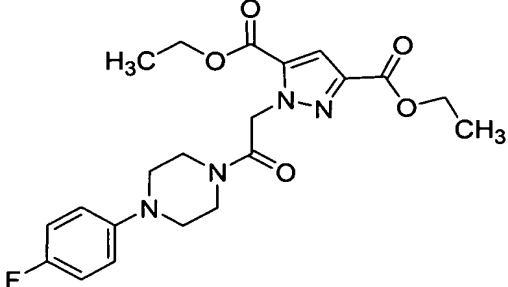
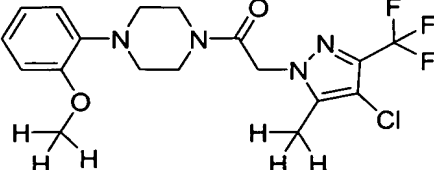
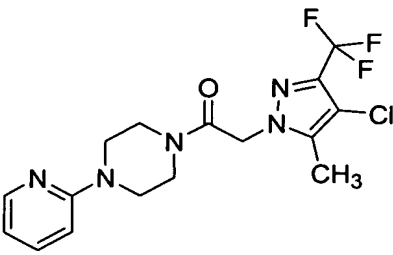
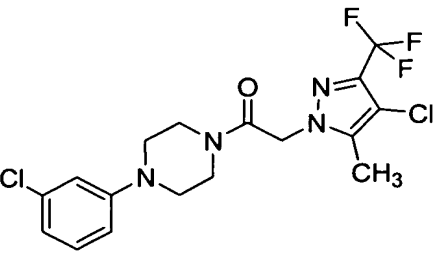
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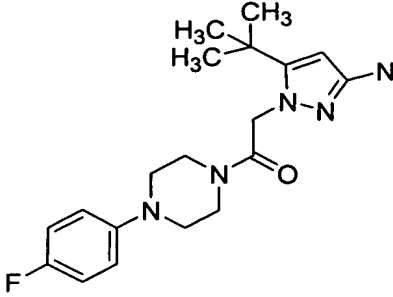
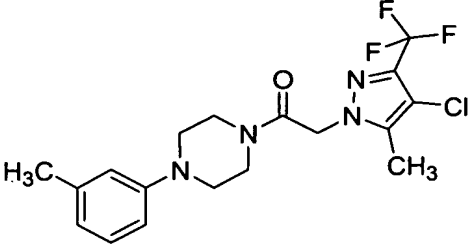
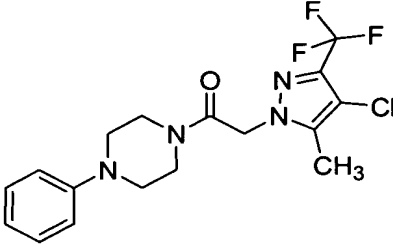
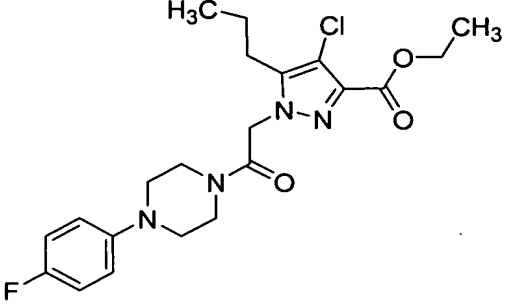
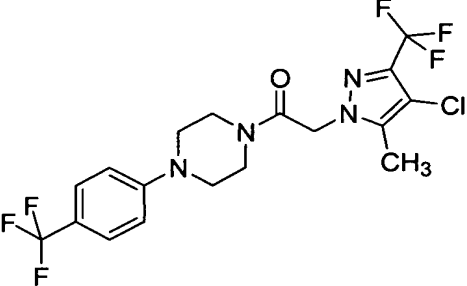
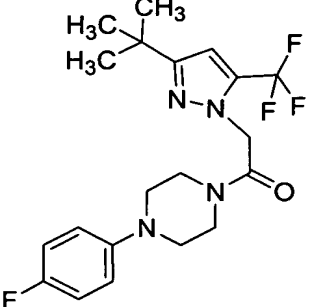
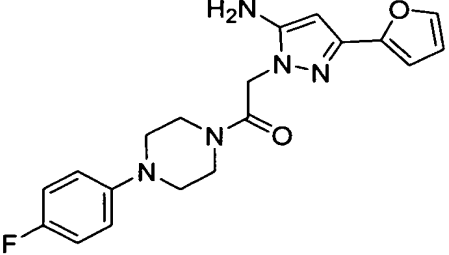
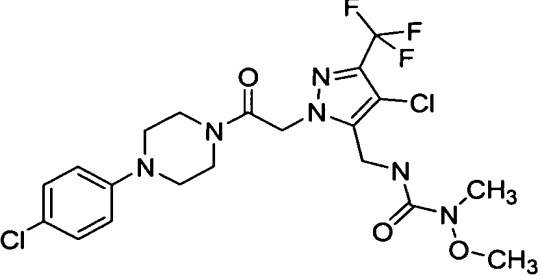
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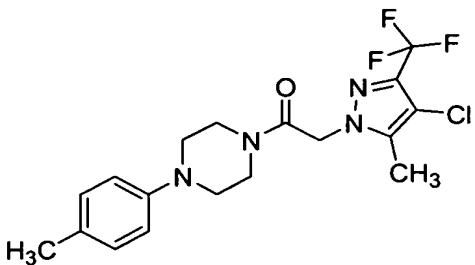
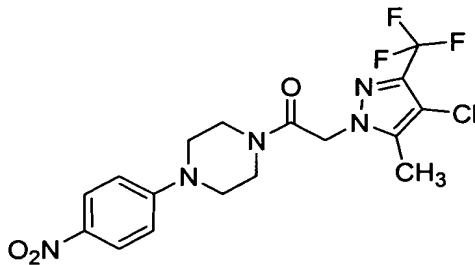
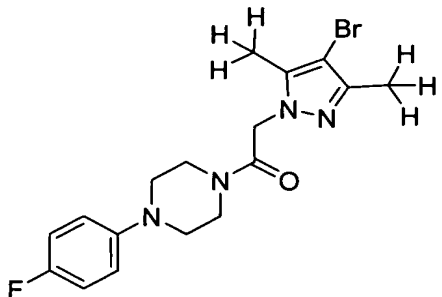
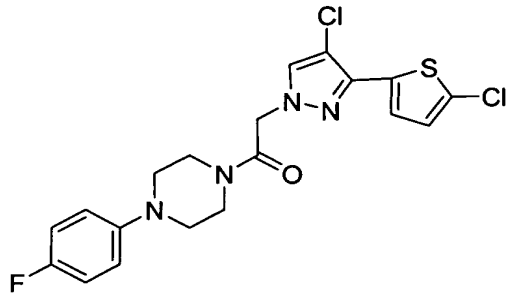
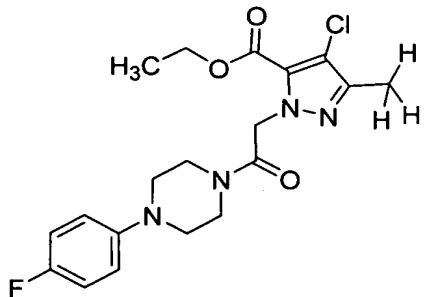
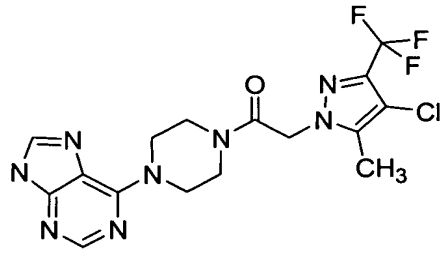
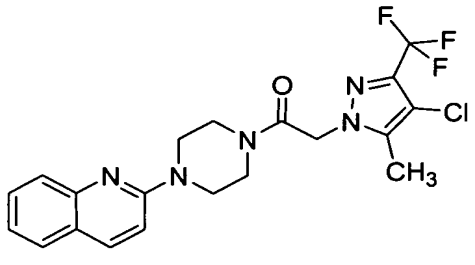
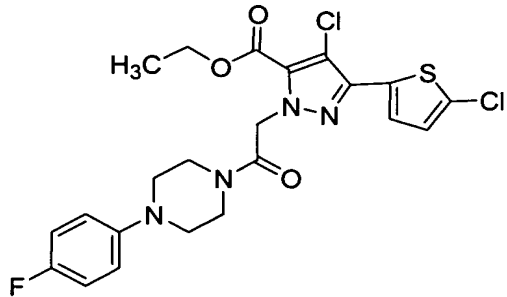
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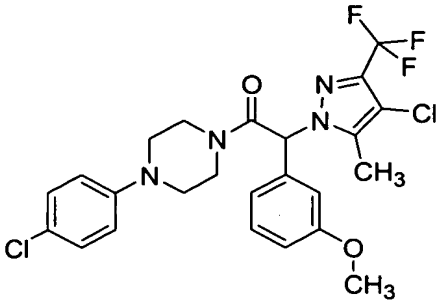
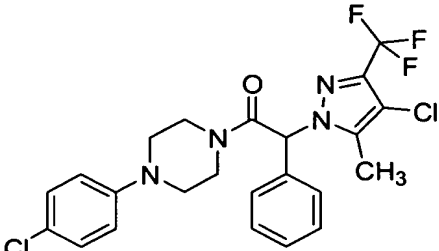
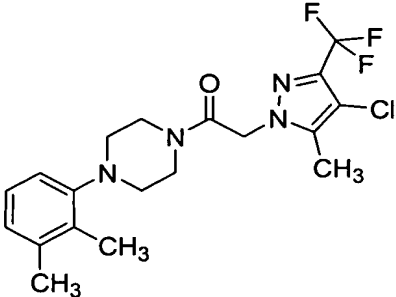
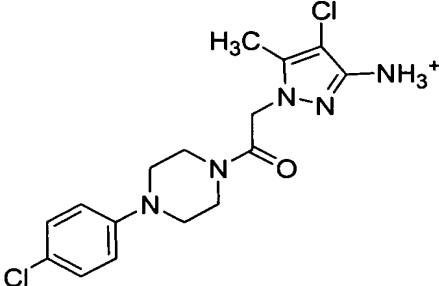
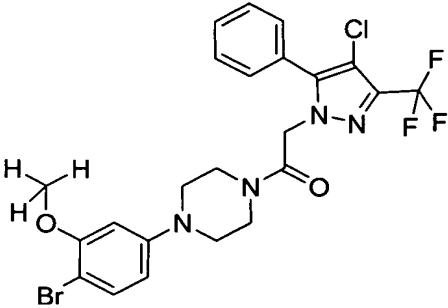
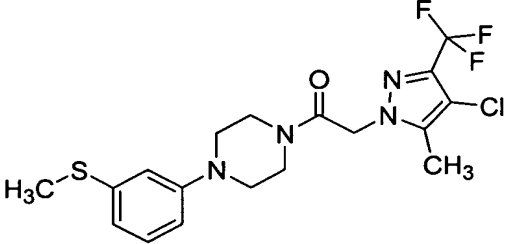
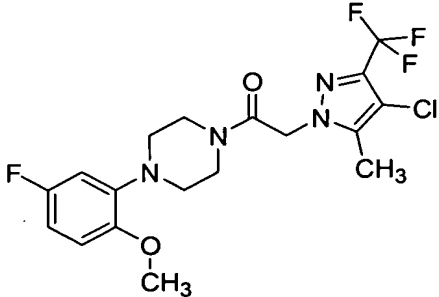
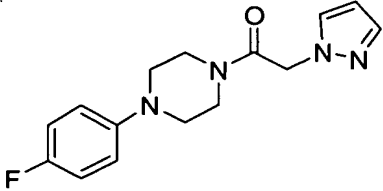
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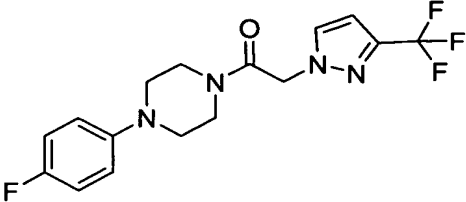
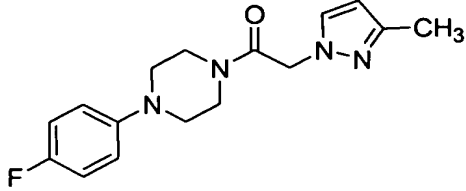
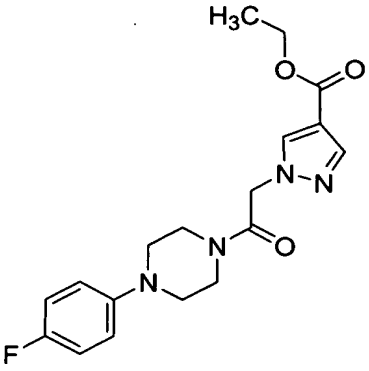
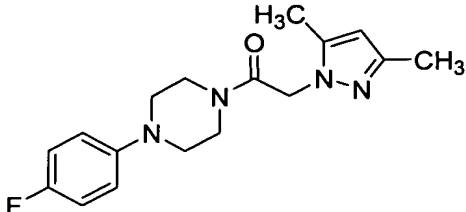
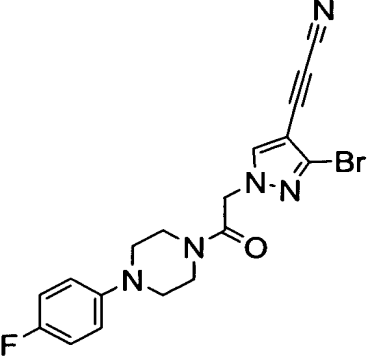
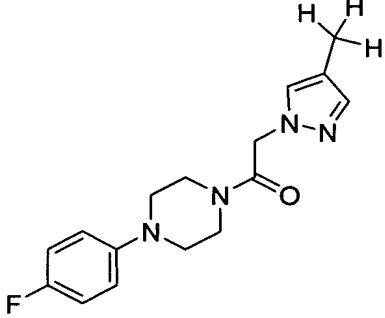
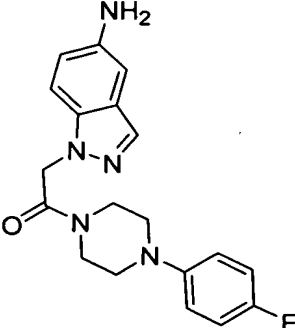
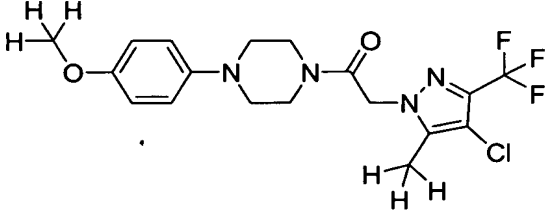
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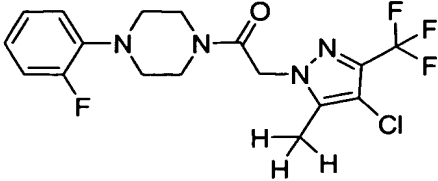
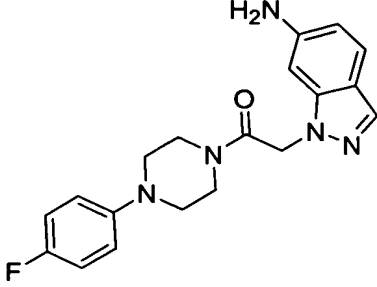
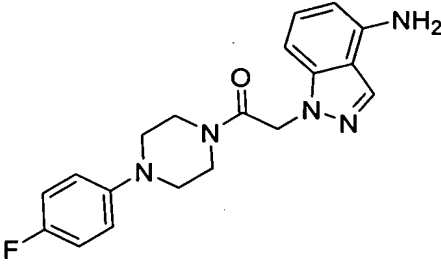
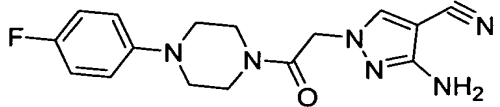
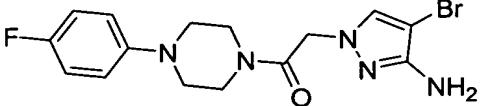
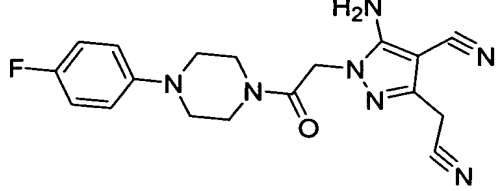
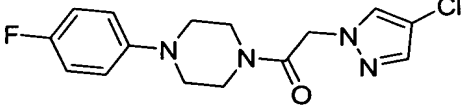
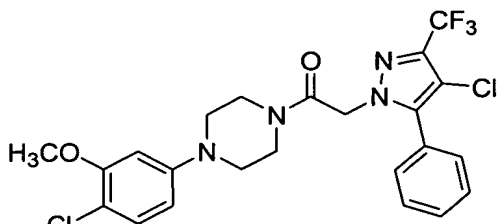
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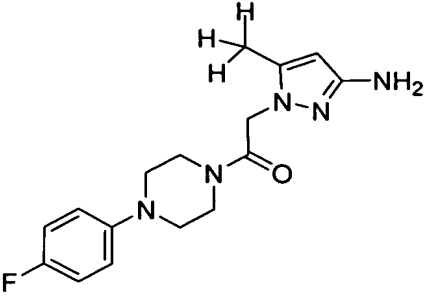
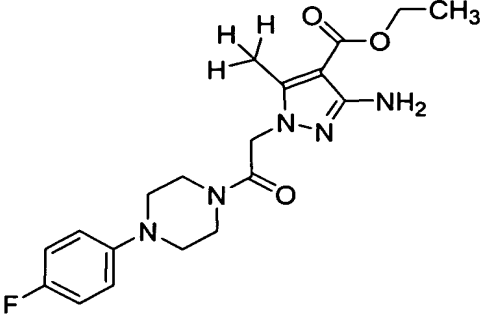
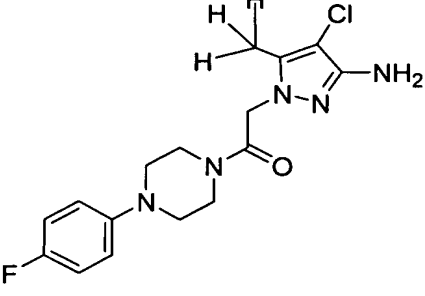
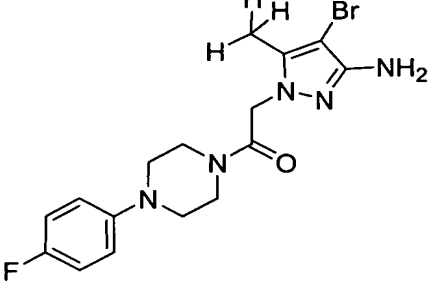
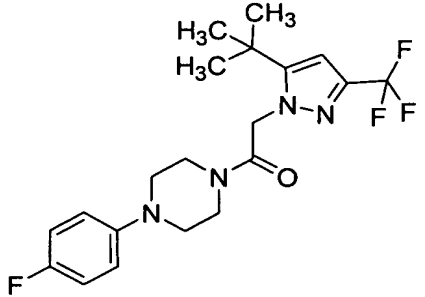
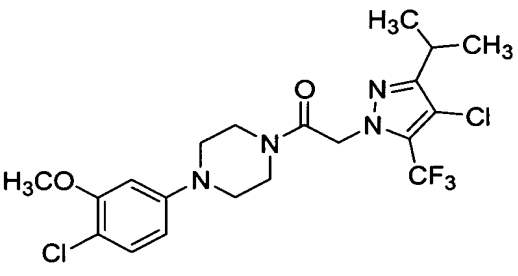
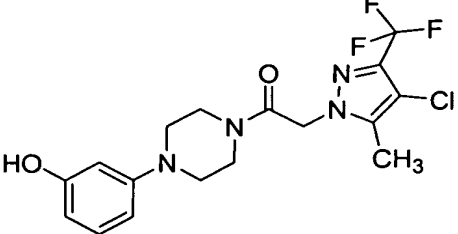
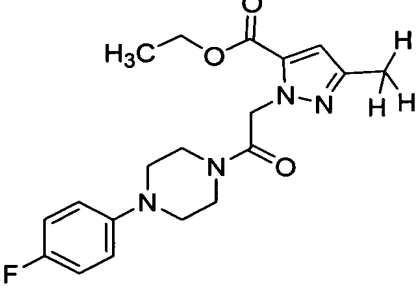
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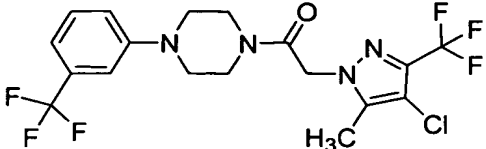
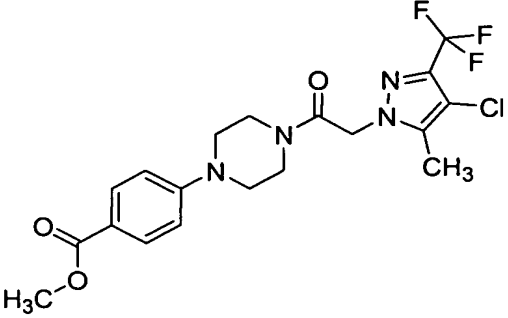
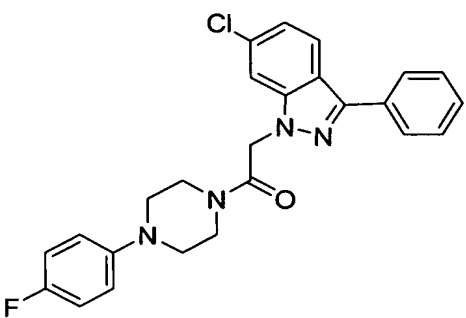
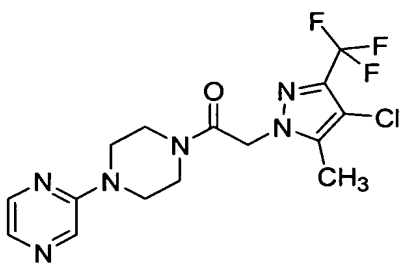
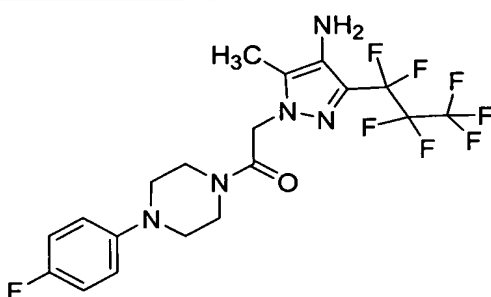
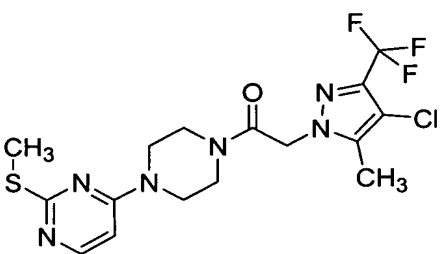
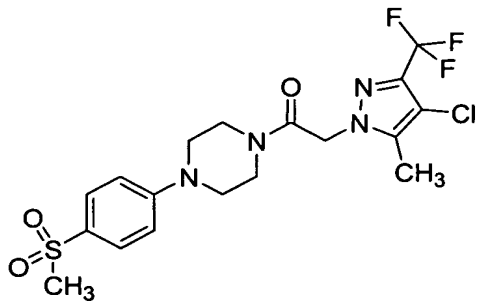
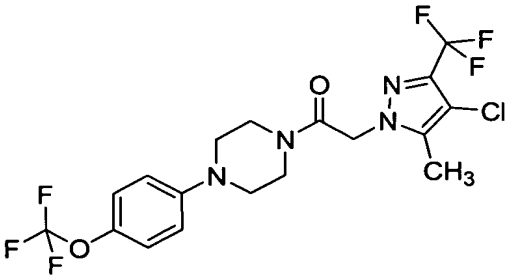
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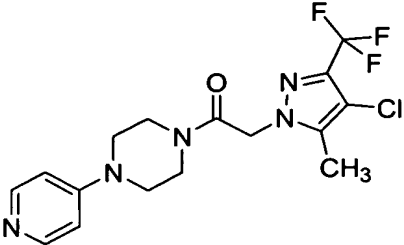
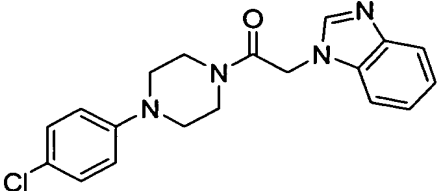
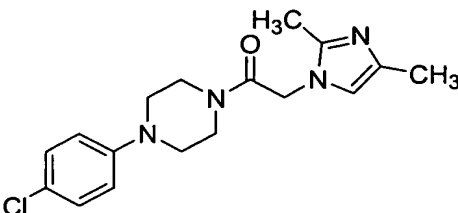
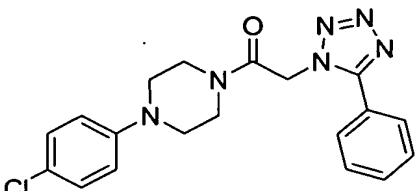
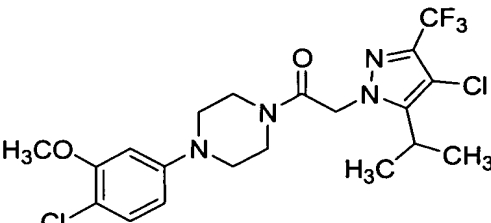
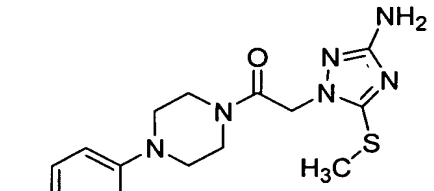
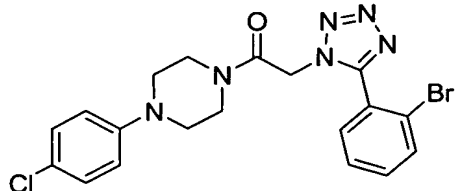
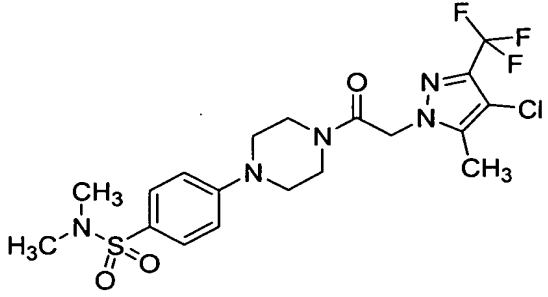
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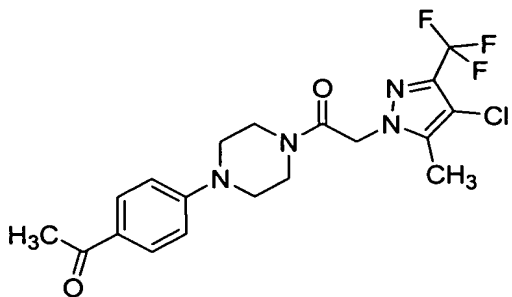
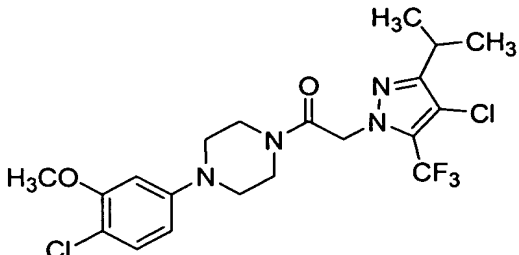
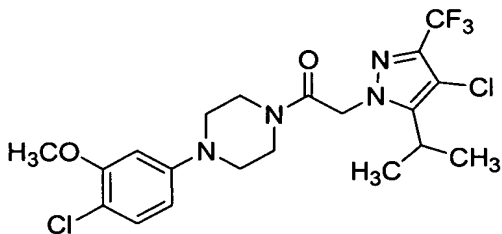
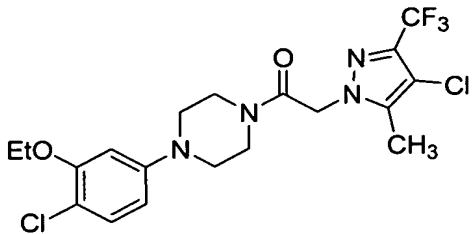
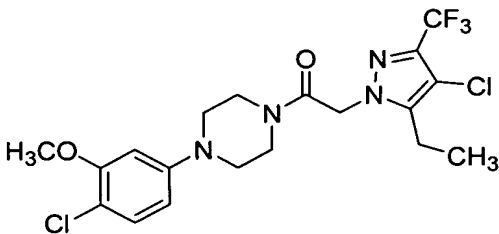
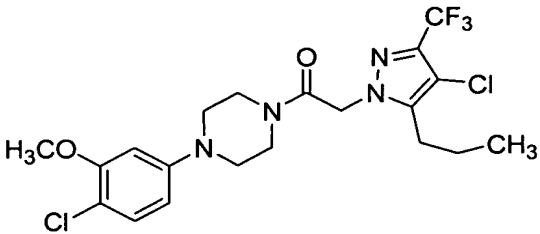
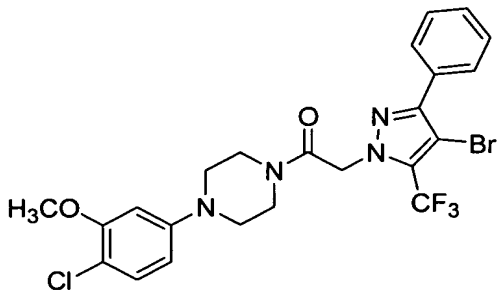
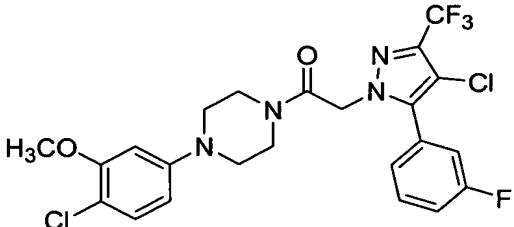
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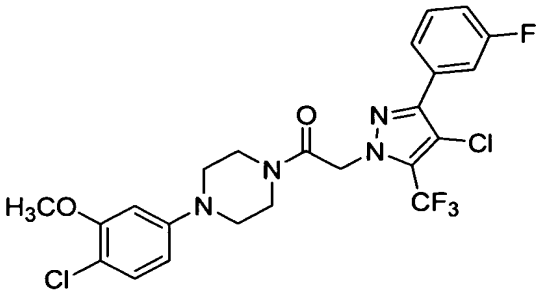
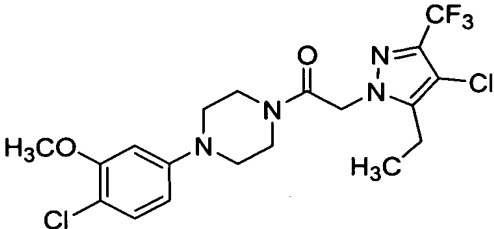
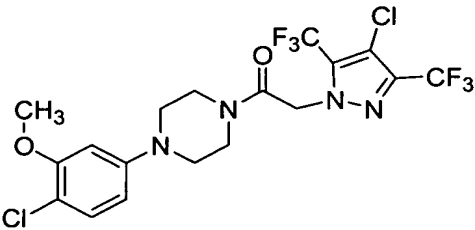
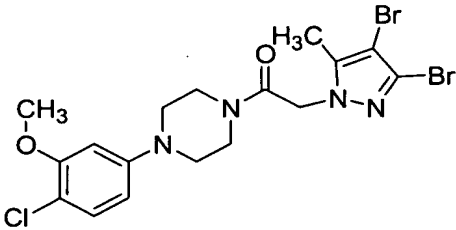
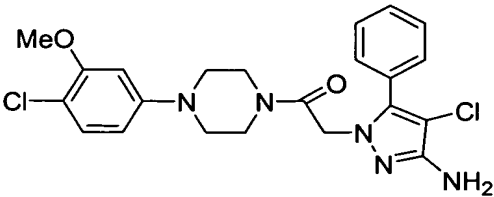
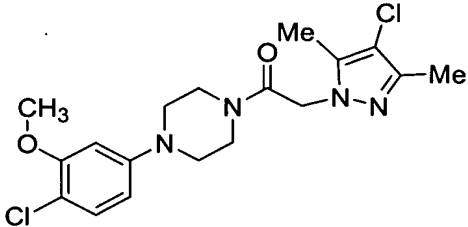
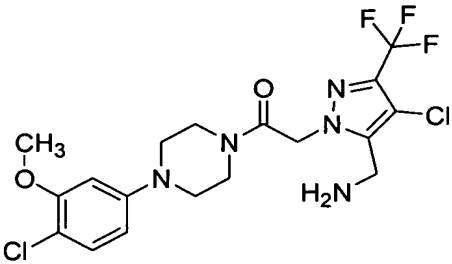
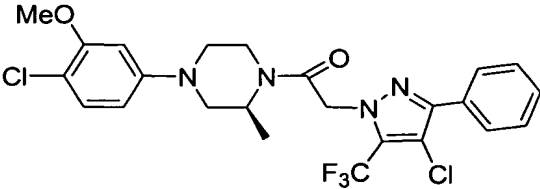
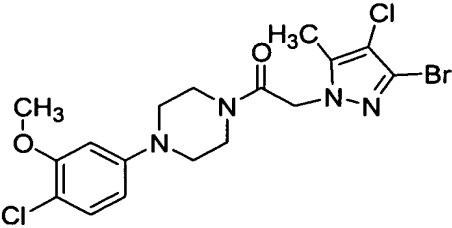
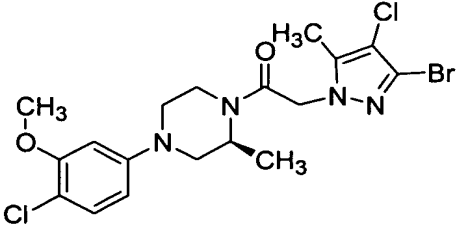
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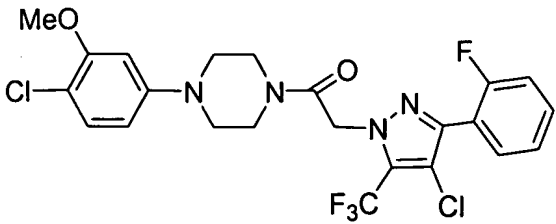
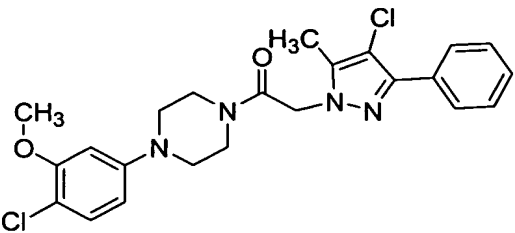
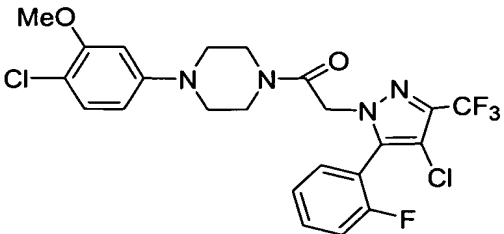
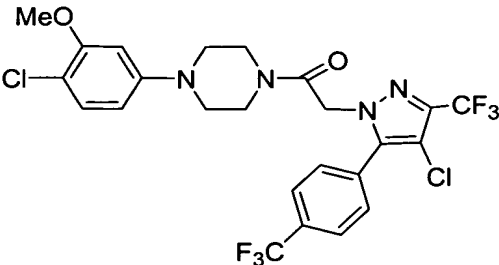
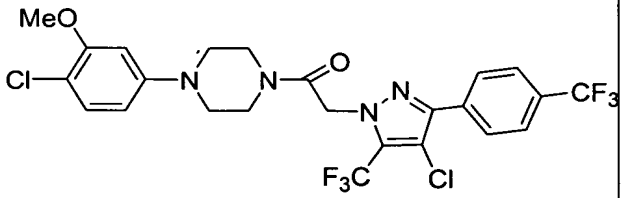
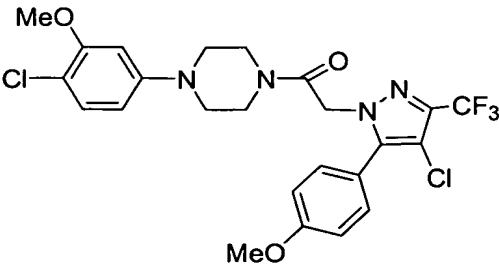
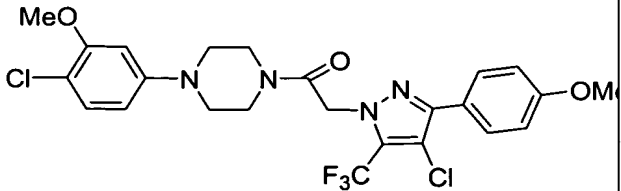
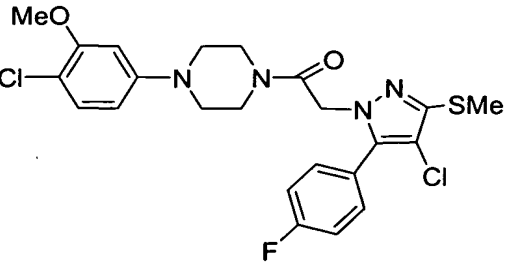
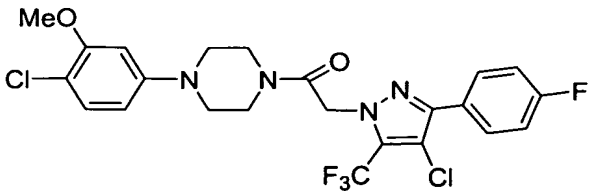
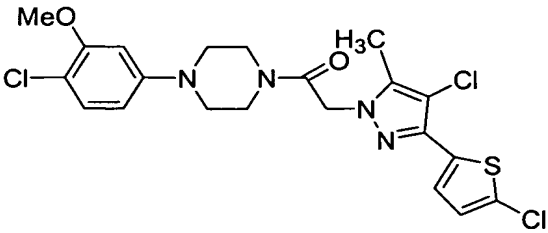
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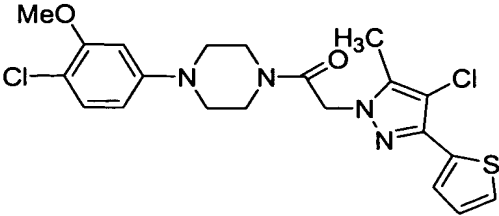
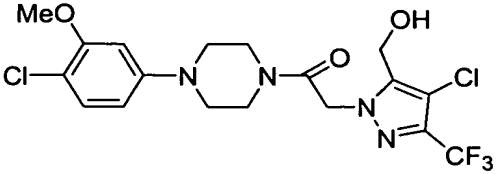
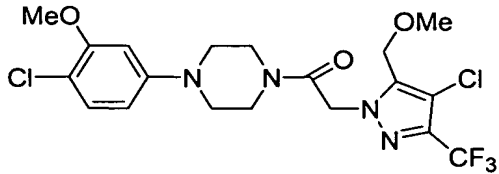
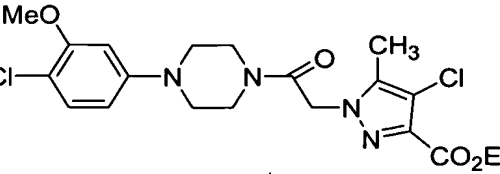
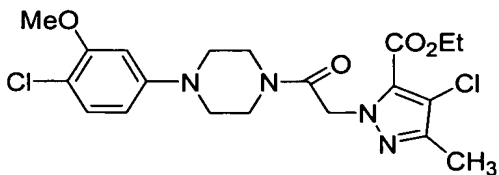
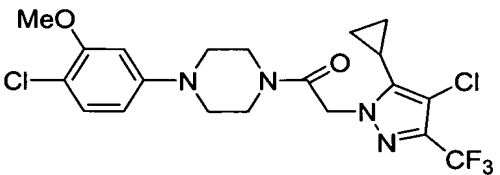
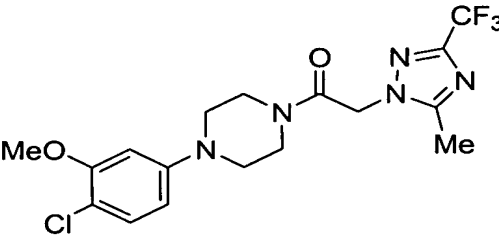
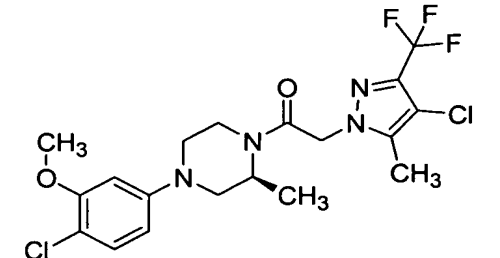
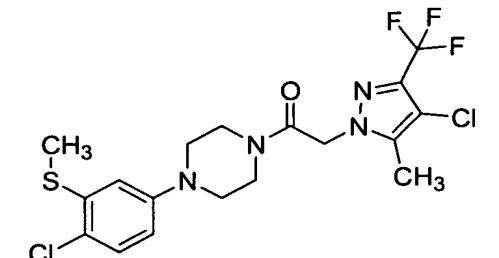
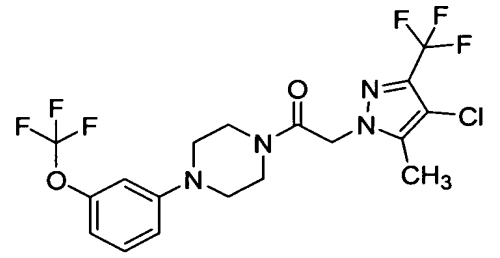
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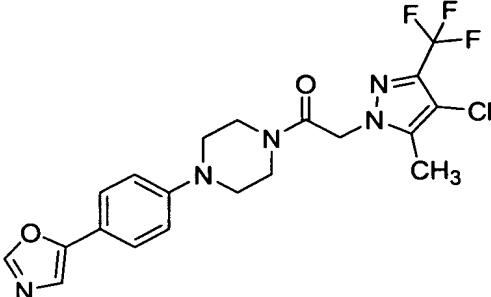
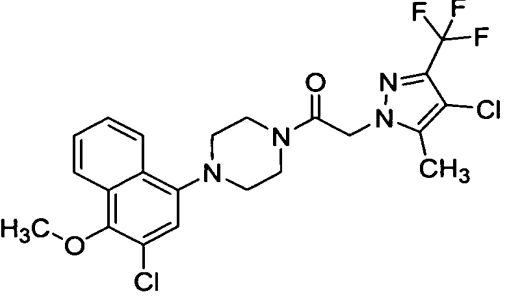
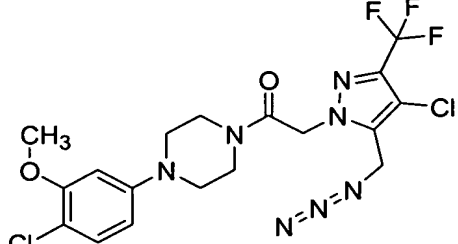
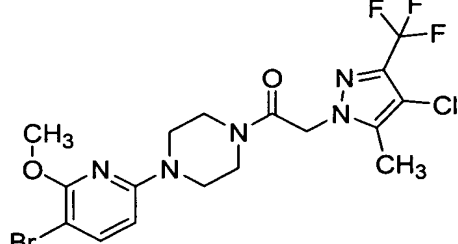
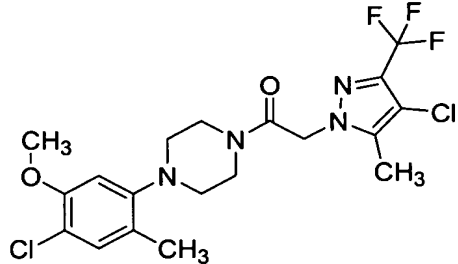
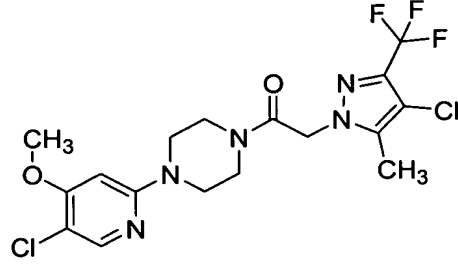
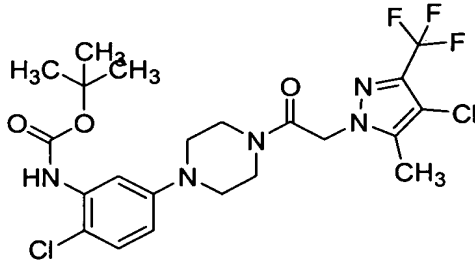
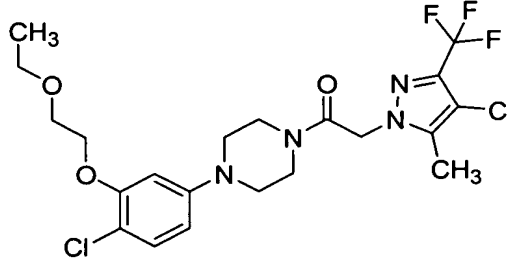
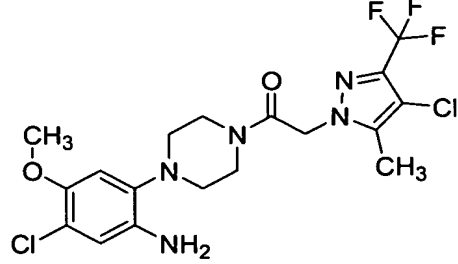
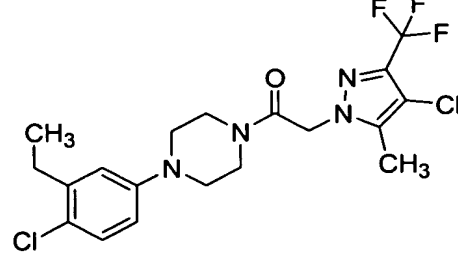
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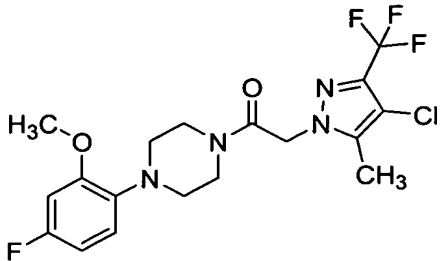
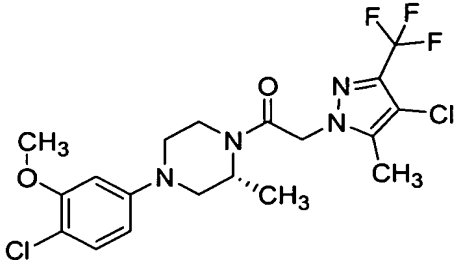
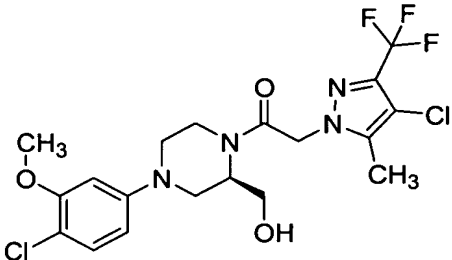
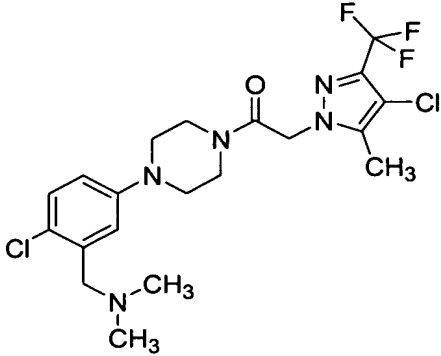
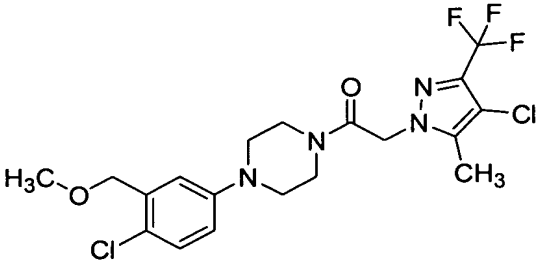
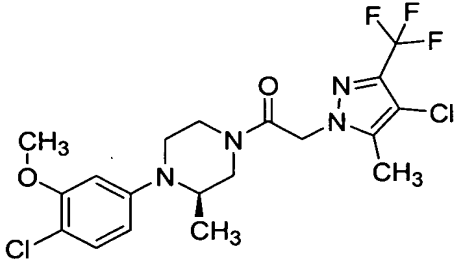
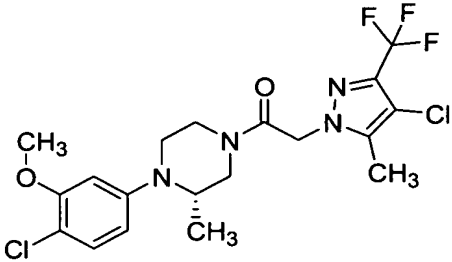
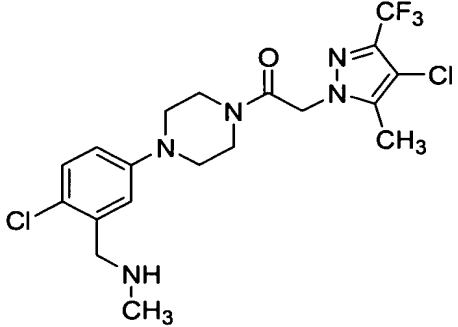
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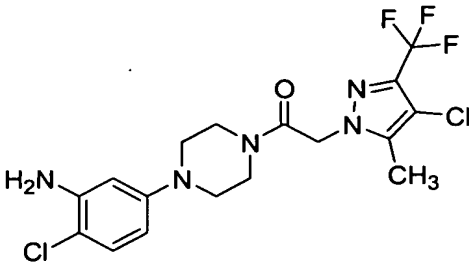
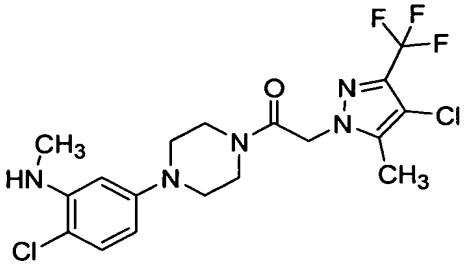
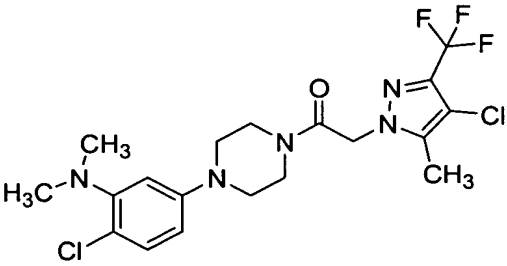
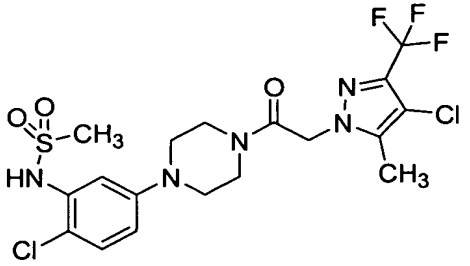
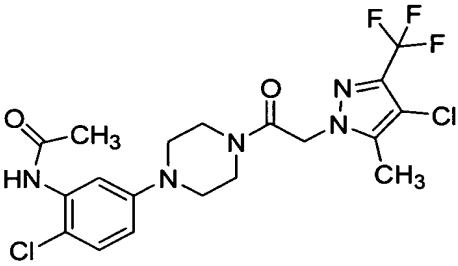
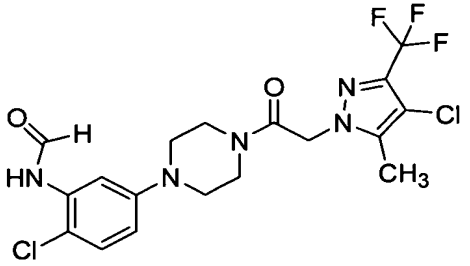
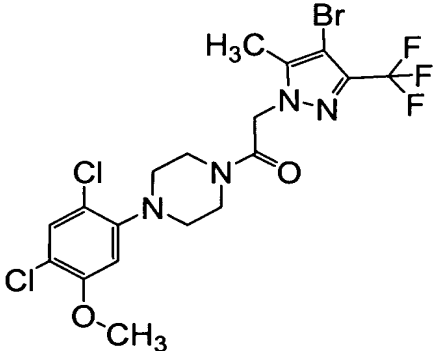
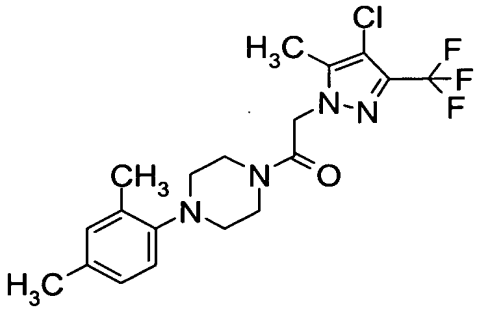
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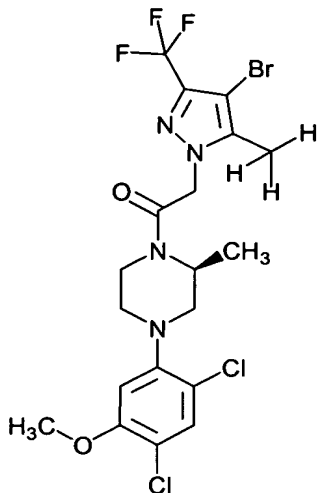
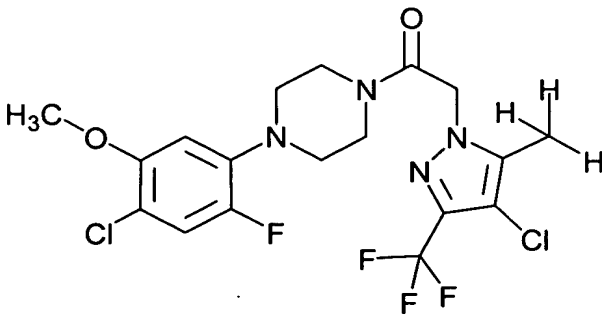
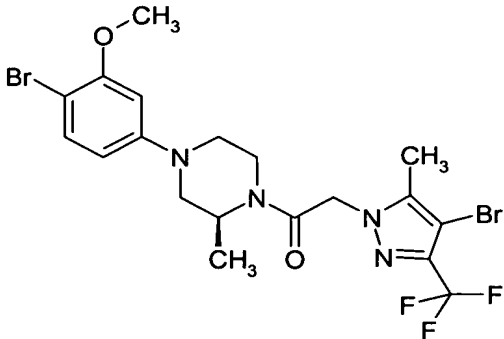
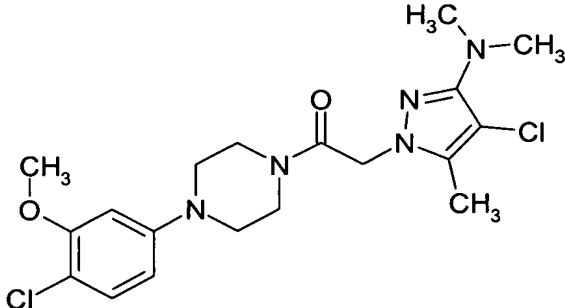
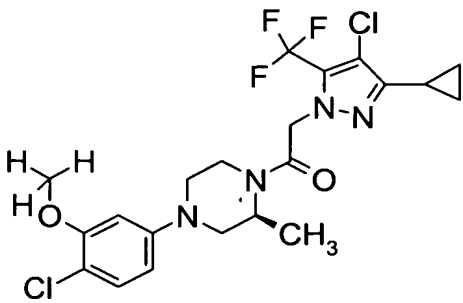
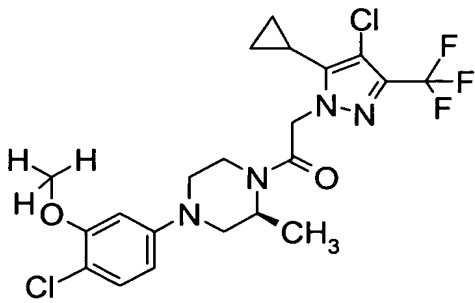
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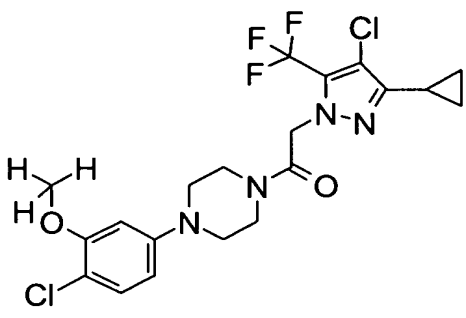
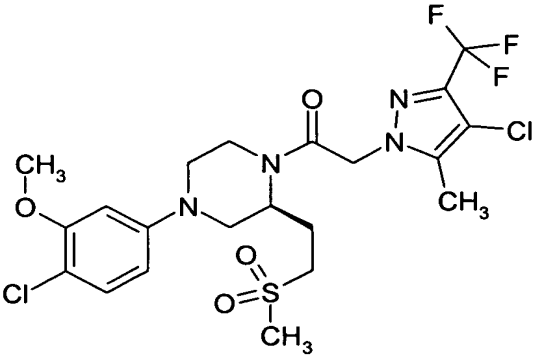
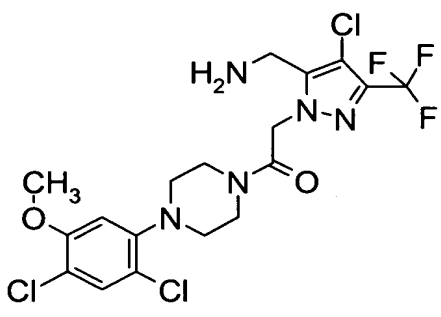
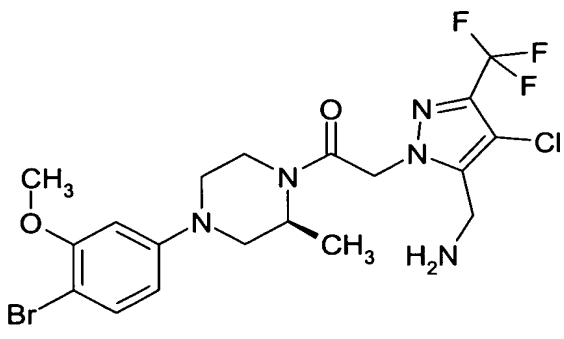
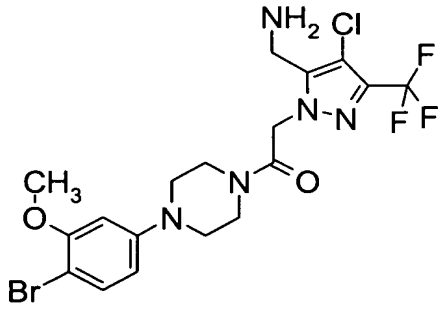
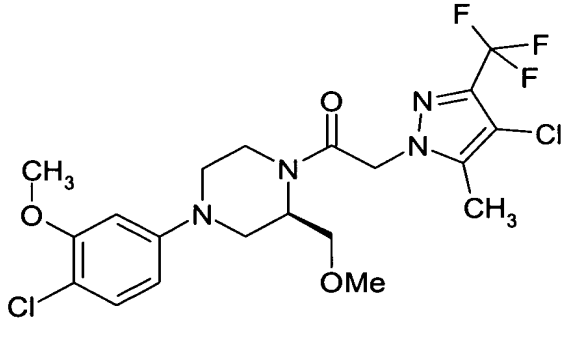
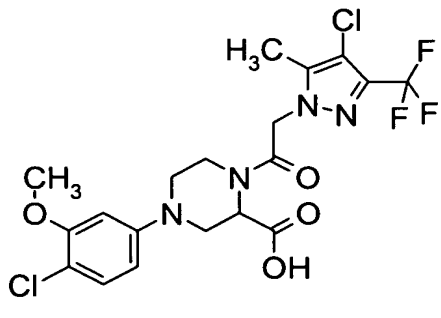
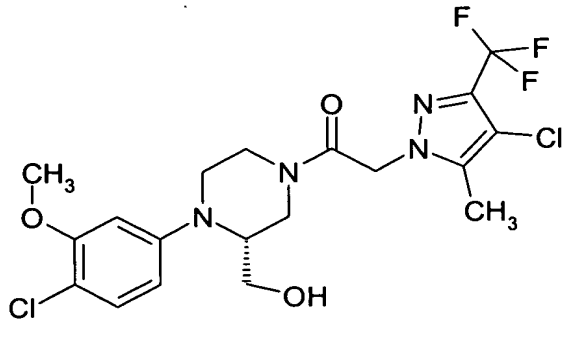
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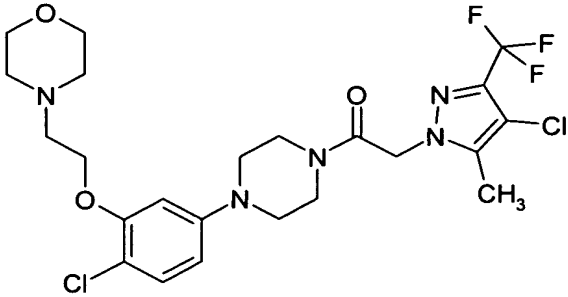
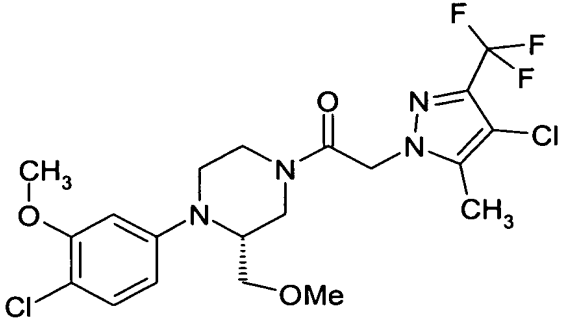
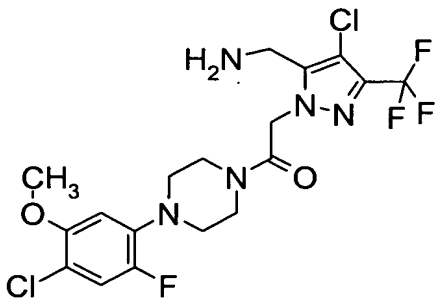
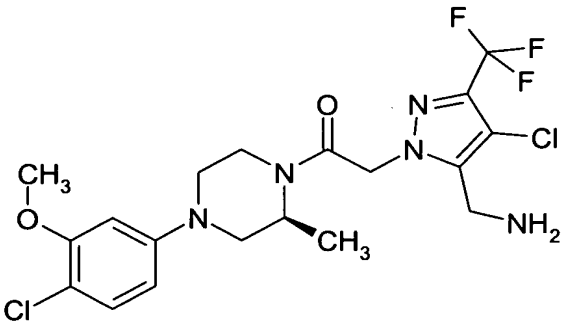
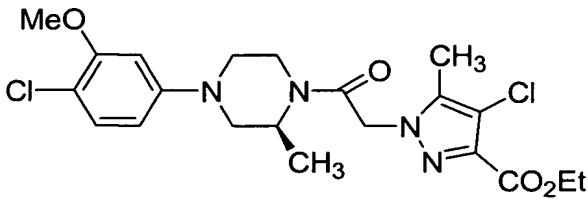
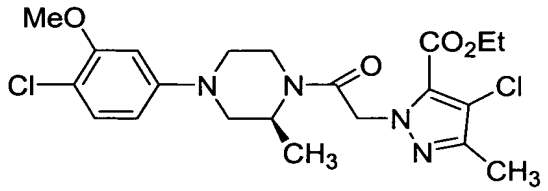
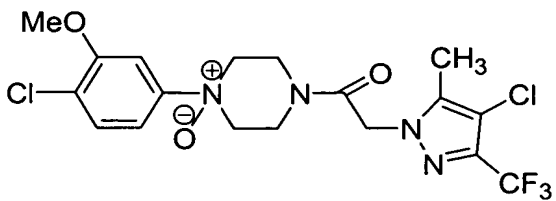
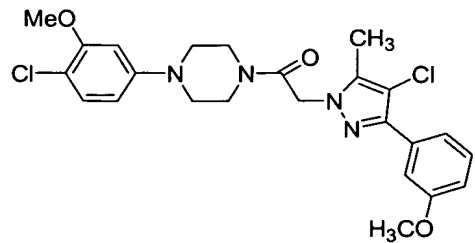
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